

WZRQ Q4 Quarterly Issues

1. Global warming (especially erratic weather patterns)
2. Inflation (especially gas prices)
3. Strikes (especially public sector workers like CTA workers starting relief to inflation)
4. Conflicts (namely Palestinian-Israeli conflict)
5. Congressional paralysis (namely the looming shutdown)
6. LGBTQIA rights (openly hostile stance from other presidential contenders)
7. Abortion rights (namely in the South)
8. Censorship (namely after voicing support for Palestinians)
9. Migrant crisis in Chicago (along with proposed construction of winter tent cities to alleviate such crisis)
10. General Election season (2024 presidential election)
11. Student debt
12. Chicago city budget deficit (how it affects public services)
13. Current status of DACA
14. Teacher shortage in Chicago (especially substitute teachers)
15. Cost of travel (especially the price of airline prices are rising)

Timestamp	Name of Wizard	Date aired	Start Time	End Time	Issue addressed	How did you log your informational programming on the program log	Narrative Describe the content of your segment	Source (included all relevant information in website, publisher, author, file etc)	Where?
12/31/2023 20:42:41	Monica Mazza	10/7/2023	8:20:00 AM	8:33:00 AM	International Conflict	Program log	Narrative Describe how your segment is relevant to the issue you chose.	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/10/07/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	Where?
12/31/2023 20:53:57	Monica Mazza	10/7/2023	8:33:00 AM	8:36:00 AM	Censorship	News	Update on previous story censoring certain productions of opera from the met season.	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/10/07/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
12/31/2023 21:15:44	Monica Mazza	10/7/2023	9:06:00 AM	10:00:00 AM	Migrants	News	multiple pieces covering the concept of sanctuary cities	https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/press/2023/10/07/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
12/31/2023 21:24:58	Monica Mazza	10/14/2023	8:25:00 AM	8:30:00 AM	Climate	News	The impact of climate on migration	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/10/14/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
12/31/2023 22:09:17	Monica Mazza	10/14/2023	8:30:00 AM	8:37:00 AM	Consumer protection	News	Biden Administration bring down costs for American consumers.	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/10/14/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
12/31/2023 22:35:00	Monica Mazza	10/28/2023	8:13:00 AM	8:38:00 AM	Insurrection	News	Local Law Enforcement members are also members of extremist organization	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/10/28/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
12/31/2023 22:23:32	Monica Mazza	10/21/2023	8:50:00 AM	9:28:00 AM	Toxic personalities	Gen	Toxic personalities and Gen Z men the wish to be like them	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/10/21/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
12/31/2023 22:42:10	Monica Mazza	11/4/2023	8:14:00 AM	8:25:00 AM	Unions	News	Multiple strikes occurring simultaneously	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/11/04/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
12/31/2023 22:48:39	Monica Mazza	11/11/2023	8:24:00 AM	8:57:00 AM	Unions	News	Latest update for Sag-Altra	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/11/11/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
12/31/2023 22:53:44	Monica Mazza	11/11/2023	8:28:00 AM	8:33:00 AM	Abortion	News	Ohio votes on Abortion	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/11/11/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
12/31/2023 23:00:44	Monica Mazza	11/18/2023	8:23:00 AM	8:26:00 AM	Amendment/Cen	News	Supreme Court makes ruling	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/11/18/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
12/31/2023 23:14:40	Monica Mazza	11/25/2023	9:25:00 AM	9:30:00 AM	LGBTQIA+	News	Macy's Parade transgender "controversy"	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/11/25/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
12/31/2023 23:17:48	Monica Mazza	12/2/2023	8:28:00 AM	8:28:00 AM	Environment	News	Toxic gases	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/12/02/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
12/31/2023 23:23:18	Monica Mazza	12/9/2023	8:32:00 AM	8:44:00 AM	Humanitarian concerns	News	Humanitarian crisis in the Middle East	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/12/09/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
12/31/2023 23:30:00	Monica Mazza	12/16/2023	8:35:00 AM	9:17:00 AM	Abortion	News	a deep dive into multiple stories regarding abortion	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/12/16/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
12/31/2023 23:38:03	Monica Mazza	12/23/2023	8:09:00 AM	8:31:00 AM	Migrants	News	Deep dive into the latest information regarding migration	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/12/23/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
12/31/2023 23:46:35	Monica Mazza	12/30/2023	9:02:00 AM	9:27:00 AM	Gender Roles	Gen	Gender history is wrong	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/12/30/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
1/1/2024 17:08:39	Miss Sennett	9/30/2023	9:00:00 PM	10:00:00 PM	DIY car repair, self-sufficient vehicle maintenance, consumer protection	Gen	Interviewed Ry Kochman, a local mechanic. Discussed how to look out for auto repair scams and DIY repair	rykochman2@gmail.com	
1/1/2024 18:31:53	Meagan Panici	12/14/2023	12:45:00 PM	1:00:00 PM	PET clause	News	"Every ten minutes, a child is killed by Israeli military airstrikes by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Gaza. This means that every ten minutes, there is a child who will never get to fulfill their dreams. A child who will never get to fulfill their childhood, their teenage years, or their adult years, and a family that will never get to watch their kid grow up."	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/12/14/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
1/3/2024 4:05:13	Trudy Leong	10/30/2023	10:00:00 PM	10:30:00 PM	Conflicts	PA	Rowan Richards, Director of Business Coaching, discussed how Allies for Community Business would help a prospective client in the North of Howard area in Rogers Park, initially assesses new client entrepreneurs, 35 entrepreneurial milestones, funding, business building acquisition and investment and the Chicago Investment Corporation (CIC), interns and contractors, collaborative spaces and the Hatchery in East Garfield Park, and more.	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/10/30/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
1/3/2024 4:10:06	Trudy Leong	10/30/2023	11:00:00 AM	11:08:00 AM	Conflicts	News	WZRQ News 10/30/2023, 10 AM Radon poses big risk, at schools, experts say. But few follow testing recommendation Updated: 10/23/2023 10:37 AM Despite recommendations that schools be tested for radon every five years, 85 out of 100 suburban school districts have not done so - and more than half of the 15 that did found elevated levels of the radioactive gas in at least one building. Even among districts that tested, most did not test all their buildings as recommended. That is according to the Daily Herald investigation into the 100 districts' compliance with an Illinois State Board of Education recommendation that school buildings be tested every five years for the gas that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Surgeon General's office estimate is responsible for more than 21,000 lung cancer deaths annually. "I wouldn't be surprised if this is the first time some of these school districts are hearing the word 'radon,'" said Patrick Daniels, a health physicist and radon program manager for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. "Radon is a very big risk most people aren't aware of, or don't understand." The radon testing recommendation was part of a 2009 legislative package that also "requires" school districts to report test results to SEMA, though compliance with this aspect of the law appears scattered as well. Radon exposure is more likely to affect teachers more so than students. That's because teachers and other district staff are apt to remain in the same room year after year. Teacher unions back the SEMA recommendation. The Illinois Radon Policy Task Force is looking to draft legislation that would change radon testing from a recommendation to a requirement. The group formed less than two years ago and was already successful in passing legislation requiring landlords to test for radon in rental units, which goes into effect in 2024. "We've known that radon kills for 30 years now," Dan Potter, who operates DuPage Radon Contractors and also runs the Illinois Radon Policy Task Force, said. "We're trying to get a mandate for school testing." Source: Daily Herald, October 23, 2023.	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/10/30/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
1/3/2024 4:16:01	Trudy Leong	10/30/2023	12:50:00 PM	12:56:00 PM	Global warming	News	Governor Pritzker Waves Penalties and Interest for Cook County Taxpayers Affected by Severe Weather and Flooding	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/10/30/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
1/3/2024 4:30:51	Trudy Leong	10/30/2023	2:00:00 PM	2:43:00 PM	Conflicts	Gen	"Maiden Without Hands" horror story WZRQ Interview 11/6/2023, 10 AM "Tony Johnston, President of CCTU Local 1600, Cook County College Teachers Union, discussed instructor and non-instructor union members, union dues, CORE Committee on Political Education member fund donations, work toward an elected City Colleges of Chicago Board of Trustees, who is against an elected Board of Trustees, the percentage of adjunct instructors versus full-time instructors, the non-tenure track full-time instructor members, how funding is being skewed more toward the administration rather than instructors, the 3 top goals of CCTU Local 1600, supporting migrant students, and more.	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/10/30/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	
1/3/2024 5:22:35	Trudy Leong	11/6/2023	10:00:00 AM	11:01:00 AM	Teacher shortage in Chicago	PA	Teacher shortage in Chicago	https://www.wtsp.com/news/2023/11/06/monica-mazza-looks-at-the-iraq-situation/	

							<p>views Sep 8, 2023 WZRZ WZRZ News 07/2023</p> <p>9 free things you can get with a Chicago Public Library card A library card can get you much more than just books.</p> <p>Jeffrey Mai Thursday August 3 2023</p> <p>We all know a Chicago Public Library card gets you an endless supply of books (and the occasional movie). But the perks do not stop there. Cardholders can save hundreds, and even thousands, of dollars by taking advantage of programs and services offered to all.</p> <p>Digital museum passes</p> <p>Chicago has a wealth of world-class museums, and you can explore many of them for free with a library card. You can now reserve a pass for a specific date online. Attractions include the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago Botanic Garden, Chicago History Museum, Field Museum, Museum of Science and Industry and Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago. Most offers also do not require a child to be in the group.</p> <p>eBooks, audiobooks and digital magazines</p> <p>A library card not only provides you with paperback books to read, but access to a large selection of eBooks, audiobooks, digital comics, movies, music, and magazines through Hoopla, OverDrive and Flipster. The services can be used on a variety of devices.</p> <p>YO!media Chicago</p> <p>This youth learning space that focuses on digital media and the maker movement is available at 28 different Chicago Public Library locations. Teens can hang out and create music, video, photos, 2D and 3D projects and more using laptops, cameras and other tech. It is a dynamic environment designed to help students develop their skills in STEM, with guidance from mentors.</p> <p>CDs and vinyl</p> <p>In addition to movies, you can check out CDs and even vinyl to spin on your turntable.</p> <p>Maker Lab</p> <p>Located on the third floor of Harold Washington Library Center, Maker Lab is a public space that offers introductory workshops and an open shop for personal projects. You can use equipment like sewing and knitting machines, 3D printers and laser cutters, as well as design software.</p> <p>Digital newspaper archives</p> <p>With a library card, you can access the full texts of all articles from Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun Times, with archives that span back decades. You can also read stories from the New York Times and Wall Street Journal.</p> <p>Music practice rooms</p> <p>For musicians, the eighth floor of the Harold Washington Library Center has a chamber rehearsal room, which contains a baby grand piano and can accommodate three-to-ten people. There are also six practice rooms equipped with upright pianos that fit up to three people. All rooms can be reserved online.</p> <p>Printing</p> <p>Landscape or email your documents and have them printed at a local library. It is 15 cents per page for a single-sided print, and 25 cents per page for a double-sided print, but the first \$1.00 in printing is free.</p> <p>Wi-Fi hotspot</p> <p>Enjoy free internet on the go by checking out a Wi-Fi hotspot from select libraries.</p> <p>Source: TimeOut Chicago, August 3, 2023. WZRZ Interview 11/13/2023, 12 PM</p>			
13/2024 4:27:05	Trudy Leong	11/8/2023	11:00:00 AM	11:08:00 AM	Infation	PA	<p>Andrea Ralla, principal at Ralla & Associates, P.C. and property tax reform advocate, discussed how the Cook County Assessor's office can be run more efficiently, how land values should not be arbitrarily assigned, how property parents are considered as assets now, how Assessor Fritz Kaepf wants to eliminate the State Property Tax Appeal Board, how California, Texas, and Florida found alternative streams of tax revenue, the Land Value Study by Trane, Inc., certificates of error for Cook County homeowners rejected by the Assessor's office, units of government reorganizing tax relations through an amendment created into a state by bypassing committee review, the importance of an Illinois Constitutional Review to address the negative process, the organizers' concerns, homeowners and organizations.</p> <p>Andrea Ralla's insight on property taxation sheds light on how sufficient taxation might contribute to the Chicago city budget deficit.</p> <p>WZRZ News: 11/13/2023</p>	The segment "9 free things you can get with a Chicago Public Library card" addressed how one can alleviate inflation by accessing Chicago Public Library resources with a library card.	<p>https://www.timeout.com/chicago/attractions/9-free-things-you-can-get-with-a-chicago-public-library-card</p> <p>https://youtu.be/zDn0NHGT6S7?si=hjMAAKXN3z9z96Km</p>	Aired the recording via the Studio A computer.
13/2024 4:32:46	Trudy Leong	11/13/2023	12:03:00 PM	1:18:00 PM	Chicago city budget deficit	PA	<p>Election offices are sent envelopes with fentanyl or other substances. Authorities are investigating.</p> <p>BY CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY, ED KOMENDA AND GENE JOHNSON Updated 7:31 PM CST, November 9, 2023</p> <p>WASHINGTON (AP) — Authorities were hunting on Thursday, November 9, 2023, for whoever sent suspicious letters — including some containing fentanyl — to elections offices in at least five states since Election Day, November 7, delaying the counting of ballots in some local races in the latest instance of threats faced by election workers around the country.</p> <p>The letters were sent to elections offices in the presidential battlegrounds of Georgia and Nevada, as well as California, Oregon and Washington, with some being intercepted before they arrived. Four of the letters contained fentanyl, the FBI and U.S. Postal Inspection Service reported.</p> <p>Among the offices that appeared to be targeted was Fulton County in Georgia, which includes Atlanta and is the largest voting jurisdiction in one of the nation's most important presidential swing states. Authorities were working to intercept the letter. Officials were sending the over-the-counter drug naloxone to the office as a precaution.</p> <p>An incident in Lane County, Oregon, prompted officials to close the office and delayed an afternoon pickup of ballots.</p> <p>Authorities in Washington state said four county election offices had to be evacuated as election workers were processing ballots cast in Tuesday's election, delaying vote-counting.</p> <p>The election offices received envelopes containing powders. Local law enforcement officials said the substances in King and Spokane counties tested positive for fentanyl, in at least one case, the substance was baking soda.</p> <p>One letter contained a warning about the vulnerability of "ballot drops" and demanded ending elections. The sender's political leaning was unclear.</p> <p>Elections offices in two Washington counties received suspicious envelopes while processing ballots during the August primary, and a letter sent to King County tested positive for traces of fentanyl. Those letters remain under investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and FBI.</p> <p>Fentanyl, an opioid that can be 50 times as powerful as the same amount of heroin, is driving an overdose crisis deadlier than any the U.S. has ever seen as it is pressed into pills or mixed into other drugs. Briefly touching fentanyl cannot cause an overdose, and researchers have found that the risk of fatal overdose from accidental exposure is low.</p> <p>Jeanmarie Perrone, director of the Center for Addiction Medicine and Policy at the University of Pennsylvania, said studies simulating exposure from opening envelopes containing powders showed that very little, if any, of the powder becomes aerosolized to cause toxicity through inhalation.</p> <p>Fulton County, Georgia, Commission Chairman Robb Pitts, said the county's election workers had been under threat since at least when two of them were singled out following the 2020 presidential election, with then-Republican President Donald Trump, attorney Rudolph Giuliani and others falsely alleging that election workers were stuffing ballots to aid Democrats. Democrat Joe Biden narrowly won the state.</p> <p>Part of the Fulton County prosecution that indicted Trump, Giuliani and 17 others includes criminal charges focusing on statements and acts made against election workers.</p> <p>Pitts said he believes that in 2024 Georgia's most populous county will be the "focal point" of election scrutiny.</p> <p>Many election offices across the United States have taken steps to increase the security of their buildings and boost protections for workers amid an onslaught of harassment and threats following the 2020 election that has become the most violent in U.S. history.</p> <p>Source: Associated Press, November 9, 2023. WZRZ News 11/20/2023</p>	Andrea Ralla's insight on property taxation sheds light on how sufficient taxation might contribute to the Chicago city budget deficit.	<p>https://rallapcc.com/about-ralla-assoc-...</p> <p>https://www.tranec.com</p> <p>https://www.cookcountypropertyinfo.com</p> <p>https://youtu.be/QGBKORR5q97?si=hjMDPAPuPzS2kX</p>	Recorded on Zoom and aired interview live, Studio A computer, and the soundboard.
13/2024 4:38:48	Trudy Leong	11/13/2023	11:05:00 AM	11:13:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>Public school advocates celebrate end of controversial Invest in Kids scholarship program</p> <p>Jillian Moore, Reporter November 15, 2023</p> <p>The Illinois General Assembly did not extend the Invest in Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program at its Nov. 8, 2023 fall veto session. The program, which provides indirect state support for qualifying students attending non-public schools, will end as scheduled on Dec. 31.</p> <p>Passed in 2017, the Invest in Kids Act offers individuals and businesses which contribute to state-approved Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) a 10% income tax credit. To be eligible, students must come from a household with an income below 300% of the federal poverty line.</p> <p>Many Evanston-area lawmakers have criticized the tax credit program for diverting funding from the state's offers — funding which could otherwise go toward the public education system.</p> <p>Illinois Federation of Teachers President Dan Montgomery released a statement Nov. 9 commending the termination of what he called a "voucher-like" program.</p> <p>The Department of Revenue's report for the 2022-2023 year showed over 45% of students who received scholarships were white, with a significant number of schools reporting only white students utilized the program or not reporting the racial breakdown of enrolled students at all.</p> <p>While State Rep. Kelly Cassidy (D-Chicago) declined to comment, her team's email newsletter, sent on Nov. 12, claimed the report cut into what support existed for Invest in Kids.</p> <p>"These programs are little more than an elaborate tax dodge for wealthy donors for whom the regular tax deduction for charitable gifts wasn't sufficient," the newsletter read.</p> <p>Alex Moore, the communications director for U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.), said Schakowsky led the Illinois Congressional Delegation in a Nov. 9 joint statement urging state lawmakers to oppose extensions to the Invest in Kids program.</p> <p>The statement claimed the tax credits "perpetuate and deepen the education inequities that plague Illinois" by indirectly supporting non-public schools, which may discriminate against students "on the basis of disability status, gender identity, sexual orientation, if they are pregnant or parenting, or immigration status."</p> <p>The end of the act could jeopardize educational plans for thousands of students. A Nov. 10 press release from the Save My Scholarship Coalition said over 8,500 students statewide could lose their scholarships, leaving them to leave their "best-fit" schools.</p> <p>Anthony Holter, president of Empower Illinois — an SGO that received over \$50 million in contributions through Invest in Kids — said in the release that he questioned why a compromise bill with bipartisan support was not called for a vote. He added the SGO will continue working for quality education for students across the state, despite a potential drop in funds.</p> <p>The Illinois Education Association, said the group was grateful the program ended, as funds went primarily to white students.</p> <p>"The voucher system was intentionally created with a lack of oversight and accountability, leaving us with no data to measure its effectiveness. Public money belongs in public schools and we are glad our lawmakers believe that, too."</p> <p>Source: Daily Northwestern, November 15, 2023.</p>	The segment "Election offices are sent envelopes with fentanyl or other substances. Authorities are investigating" is relevant to conflicts regarding presidential elections.	<p>https://apnews.com/article/election-offices-letters-evacuations-fentanyl-threats-5c9155845c0c4816570c1010964c</p> <p>https://youtu.be/taePaUjPm7w?si=Ud0zrZySv0q50</p>	Aired the recording via the Studio A computer.
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1/9/2024 10:49:10	Edgar Martinez	1/9/2024	10:07:00 AM	10:22:00 AM		Gen	<p>Crigin Thurlow talks about how companies selling premium products that are not exactly what customers would think is an improved version of the product, this leads to what Thurlow calls "symbolic violence" because other people would feel excluded from the premium product. So the speaker proposed to enjoy the advantages in everything that surrounds us.</p> <p>WZRD Interview 11/20/2023, 12 PM</p>	<p>This issue is relevant and inspires others to create conscience in the consuming society in which we live. We should not have the best products because sometimes products are already good as they are, and sometimes we don't even need them at all.</p>	Crigin Thurlow	Ted Talks Daily
1/9/2024 20:42:31	Trudy Leong	11/20/2023	12:00:00 PM	1:01:00 PM	Conflicts	PA	<p>Denise Avant, President, Chicago Chapter of National Federation of the Blind of Illinois, discussed Braille and audio announcements on Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) trains and buses and Access Living's lawsuit, advocating for bus signs that include bus number and direction and free-standing signs, some bus shelters that have bus arrival announcements, meeting with the CTA ADA-Advisory Committee, CTA ADA-Advisory Committee meetings, PACI, para transit rides, PACI, cab rides, enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Department of Justice (DOJ), and more.</p> <p>WZRD Interview 12/4/2023, 10 AM</p>	<p>Denise Avant's interview revealed how the needs of persons who are visually challenged conflict with CTA accessibility.</p>	<p>www.rbfblinois.org https://youtu.be/N7m1Fu0C47m?y9l2v1w41Cn0dE5f</p>	<p>Recorded on Zoom and aired interview live, using CRPC, Studio A computer, and the soundboard.</p>
14/2024 5:18:09	Trudy Leong	12/4/2023	10:04:00 AM	10:55:00 AM	Conflicts	PA	<p>Kathy Powers, 2021 Everyday Heroes Sobey Fritz-Dove Thurman Awardee, discussed accessibility on the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)'s trains and buses, including crowded buses, an average of 11 broken elevators per day, bus drivers pulling away before a person with disabilities has been seated, drivers reluctant to lower ramps, her walker becoming stuck on the escalator at the Roosevelt Station causing her to fall backwards, CTA response to her concerns on the CTA website feedback form, more Broadway 36 buses now, and more.</p> <p>WZRD News: 12/4/2023</p> <p>Chicago's City Council is tightening public access amid a slew of chaotic meetings PSA: Auction Dates for Spring 2024 Stage Center Theatre Productions</p> <p>By Mariah Woeffel Nov 29, 2023, 6:00am CT In 2023, unruly attendees interrupted the Chicago City Council's business by shouting at one another and at council members making floor speeches. Some have become fixtures at nearly every meeting, at times using offensive language to express opposition to the ongoing influx of migrants.</p> <p>Over the past six months, some alderpersons say they have also received emailed threats, one has been accosted at a public event, and the city has had to, on more than one occasion, clear the council chambers.</p> <p>The team in charge of security for City Council says it is instituting new rules in an effort to keep meetings in order, including limiting access to the City Council's second floor.</p> <p>During his first six months in office, Mayor Brandon Johnson and his progressive council allies have pushed an agenda, including a wage increase for tipped workers, a ballot measure on a new funding stream for homeless prevention, expanded paid leave for workers, along with his first, \$16.7 billion budget.</p> <p>Opponents, too, have pushed their own agenda, using parliamentary maneuvers to try to delay those proposals, and on one occasion holding a special meeting of their own.</p> <p>This has led to an unusual number of council meetings and, with that, more opportunities for public comment, during Johnson's first term.</p> <p>Security at council meetings is overseen by the Sergeant at Arms and his team, who report to the council's Committee on Committees and Rules.</p> <p>Under new protocols outlined to WBEZ by the committee, only people who have been invited by a public official or have otherwise coordinated a special visit to a City Council meeting — such as a school field trip — will be allowed in the open, second-floor gallery of the council.</p> <p>That space includes rows of chairs situated directly behind council members. That space is normally filled by members of the public on a first-come-first-serve basis.</p> <p>Instead, members of the public who sign up to speak, or come to watch council proceedings without an invitation will sit on the third-floor balcony above the chambers, which is closed off by a glass barrier.</p> <p>The Rules Committee said that policy, which has not been published publicly, will remain in place indefinitely.</p> <p>Committee chairmen are now starting meetings by reading aloud a set of guidelines for public spectators — reminding them they are banned from things like using profanity or shouting over others.</p> <p>That will give the Sergeant at Arms firmer ground to stand on when they need to remove spectators from the chambers.</p> <p>Keeping meetings in order is also the responsibility of the mayor, who has been reluctant to have disruptive spectators removed from the public gallery. One good government advocate says that allowing more public comment, even if at times unruly, is good for the city's democratic process.</p> <p>Ald. Rosanna Rodriguez-Sanchez, who has received an emailed death threat, said while she has not felt physically threatened in chambers, members of her staff have.</p> <p>After numerous unruly meetings where her staff have been targeted and screamed at during council meetings, they now walk in groups together around City Hall.</p> <p>"I think the times are changing, and we are in a very polarized political moment," she said.</p>	<p>Kathy Powers discussion about several accessibility issues in the Chicago Transportation Authority (CTA) reflected conflicts between persons with disabilities and the CTA.</p>	<p>https://www.transitchicago.com/contact https://youtu.be/LNRZ1T0G1u6</p>	<p>Recorded on Zoom and aired interview live, using CRPC, Studio A computer, and the soundboard.</p>
14/2024 5:35:17	Trudy Leong	12/4/2023	11:18:00 AM	11:24:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>Source: WBEZ, November 29, 2023.</p> <p>Auction Dates for Spring 2024 Stage Center Theatre Productions</p> <p>Stage Center Theatre welcomes all actors from Northwestern Illinois University's community at all experience levels for Spring 2024's unique collaborative production with Silk Road Rising (SRR). SRR is Chicago's and one of the nation's leading theatre and multimedia companies that centers its mission on Pan Asian, North African, and Muslim experiences. Silk Road Rising's website is www.silkroadrising.org.</p> <p>This collaboration will bring three professional actors from Silk Road along with director, Bramble Theatre founding member, Jonathan Shaboe to NEIU to join our students in a one of a kind experience.</p> <p>An issue on WBBM Newsradio A conversation with Inspector General Deborah Wiltburg 12/10/2023 WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellorino sits down with Inspector General Deborah Wiltburg to discuss what exactly her office does, how they handle certain topics within the city's more.</p>	<p>The segment "Chicago's City Council is tightening public access amid a slew of chaotic meetings" reported on the conflicts among the public at city council meetings and conflicts between audience members and the council.</p>	<p>www.wbez.org/stories/chicago-city-hall-has-new-security-protocols/b7259ec0-af5e-47b-9c52-c79220e06c https://youtu.be/BxOdYgNuYg</p>	<p>Aired the recording via the Studio A computer</p>
14/2024 5:52:48	Trudy Leong	12/4/2023	11:24:00 AM	11:26:00 AM		PA	<p>Stage Center Theatre welcomes all actors from Northwestern Illinois University's community at all experience levels for Spring 2024's unique collaborative production with Silk Road Rising (SRR). SRR is Chicago's and one of the nation's leading theatre and multimedia companies that centers its mission on Pan Asian, North African, and Muslim experiences. Silk Road Rising's website is www.silkroadrising.org.</p> <p>This collaboration will bring three professional actors from Silk Road along with director, Bramble Theatre founding member, Jonathan Shaboe to NEIU to join our students in a one of a kind experience.</p> <p>An issue on WBBM Newsradio A conversation with Inspector General Deborah Wiltburg 12/10/2023 WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellorino sits down with Inspector General Deborah Wiltburg to discuss what exactly her office does, how they handle certain topics within the city's more.</p>	<p>The segment "Auction Dates for Spring 2024 Stage Center Theatre Productions" shared opportunities for our NEIU student community.</p>	<p>https://youtu.be/BxOdYgNuYg</p>	<p>Aired the recording via the Studio A computer</p>
14/2024 6:10:17	Trudy Leong	12/11/2023	10:16:00 AM	10:45:00 AM	Conflicts	PA	<p>Deborah Wiltburg was appointed Inspector General in 2022.</p> <p>10 news Dec 11, 2023 WZRD WZRD News 12/11/2023</p> <p>Clarifying Chicago Transit Authority CTA surveys</p> <p>On some Red Line trains, there is the advertisement, CTA wants to hear from you! Help us better serve riders like you by filling out an online survey about your experience on the CTA, and get a chance to win up to \$500 in prizes! To participate in the survey, go to research.net/transitCTA.</p> <p>When a user visits the website, the user sees the following: Thank you for your interest in providing feedback to CTA! We're not currently administering a survey. New surveys will be posted several times a year and will be open for a few weeks at a time. If you are interested in participating in a future CTA survey, please provide your contact information below and we will reach out to you when the next survey is live. You can also check back soon for the next survey. Your email will only be used to contact you for future studies and will not be used for any other purpose. Our feedback surveys solicit information on customer travel preferences and satisfaction with CTA services to help us gather insights about key issues facing our riders to improve our transit system. Thank you for helping us to better serve our riders! If you have a question or would like to provide more immediate feedback, please visit: www.transitchicago.com/feedback Or call our service hotline/main switchboard: 1-888-YOUR-CTA</p> <p>CTA Market Research stated, "The sign [on the train] is used to recruit respondents for customer surveys that run periodically throughout the year." The most on 10/30/2023 and closed on 11/17/2023. If you are interested in being contacted about future surveys, please provide your contact information in the form. Thank you for reaching out and for your interest in providing feedback to CTA. After a user submits name and email at the link in the Red Line train ad, but clicks on the link from the ad again, there is this message: You have already taken this survey.</p> <p>In other words, the user completes the survey by submitting name and email for future surveys about rider preferences and satisfaction.</p>	<p>The segment "A conversation with Inspector General Deborah Wiltburg" discussed the conflicts between public servants and her investigative arm deriving from political corruption.</p>	<p>https://player.fimseries.net/issue-on-wbbm-newsradio-1511301/a-conversation-with-inspector-general-deborah-wiltburg</p>	<p>Aired the recording via the Studio A computer</p>
14/2024 6:28:48	Trudy Leong	12/11/2023	11:03:00 AM	11:11:00 AM	Conflicts	PA	<p>This is an original WZRD news. WZRD Interview 12/11/2023, 12 PM</p> <p>Saxophone player Frank Catalano discussed how the saxophone found him, visiting jazz clubs in Chicago in junior high, connecting with musicians like Von Freeman, Jimmy Chambers, and Mike Garrison, his many mentors, jam sessions and lucky breaks, when the saxophone became second nature, jody mouthpieces, his artist evolutions in 2-year stints, his previous residence in Rogers Park and creativity, and more.</p> <p>1/28/23, 3-8 pm The Right to Grieve in Community-An Orenda Honoring the Loved Ones of the Incarcerated Community</p> <p>The inability to mourn in community can make the grieving process more difficult and can have a lasting impact on the physical, mental, and spiritual health of any human being. Due to their confinement, incarcerated individuals are impacted by policies and practices that prevent them from mourning in community with their loved ones.</p> <p>In collaboration with UIC-Jane Addams College of Social Work students and Northwestern Illinois University NEIU students, students of the Prison-Neighborhood Arts Education Project at Stateville Correctional Center will pay tribute to their departed loved ones with a community altar to be displayed at the National Museum of Mexican Art event: Día de los Muertos, Chicago. Please join us!</p> <p>This is a free event featuring poetry, artwork, essays and more! With live music and food vendors. Learn more about community grieving as a human right. At the National Museum of Mexican Art 1802 W. 19th Street Chicago, IL 60608</p> <p>On Saturday, 10/28/23, 3-8 pm.</p>	<p>The segment "Clarifying Chicago Transit Authority CTA surveys," an original WZRD news story, reported on the conflicts that may arise when CTA riders go to a survey where they are asked for their email for future surveys that may open.</p>	<p>https://youtu.be/8k1qy0s1c3q?si=0pMM1850u</p>	<p>Recorded on Zoom and aired interview live, using CRPC, Studio A computer, and the soundboard.</p>
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14/2024 6:50:01	Trudy Leong	10/23/2023	11:10:00 AM	11:11:00 AM	Conflicts	PA	<p>The inability to mourn in community can make the grieving process more difficult and can have a lasting impact on the physical, mental, and spiritual health of any human being. Due to their confinement, incarcerated individuals are impacted by policies and practices that prevent them from mourning in community with their loved ones.</p> <p>In collaboration with UIC-Jane Addams College of Social Work students and Northwestern Illinois University NEIU students, students of the Prison-Neighborhood Arts Education Project at Stateville Correctional Center will pay tribute to their departed loved ones with a community altar to be displayed at the National Museum of Mexican Art event: Día de los Muertos, Chicago. Please join us!</p> <p>This is a free event featuring poetry, artwork, essays and more! With live music and food vendors. Learn more about community grieving as a human right. At the National Museum of Mexican Art 1802 W. 19th Street Chicago, IL 60608</p> <p>On Saturday, 10/28/23, 3-8 pm.</p>	<p>The segment "The Right to Grieve in Community-An Orenda Honoring the Loved Ones of the Incarcerated Community" is relevant to conflicts faced by incarcerated persons who cannot properly grieve while incarcerated.</p>	<p>https://youtu.be/gem9K1TBeU?si=D0D0x2b6C5-gd13uR</p>	<p>Aired the recording via the Studio A computer</p>

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Finance, December 25, 2023.</p> <p>WZRD News: 12/29/2023</p> <p>A child's race, ethnicity and/or neighborhood may influence survival after cardiac arrest</p> <p>American Heart Association Scientific Sessions 2023, Abstract 458</p> <p>DALLAS, Nov. 6, 2023 — Children's survival and recovery after a cardiac arrest may be impacted by their race, ethnicity and/or the neighborhood where they live, according to preliminary research presented at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2023.</p> <p>"We continue to see racial, ethnic and socioeconomic differences in cardiac arrest survival despite the current strategies we have implemented to improve cardiac arrest survival," said study lead author Audrey Coyle Gethers, M.D.</p> <p>While relatively rare, more than 7,000 infants and children have an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest per year in the United States.</p> <p>Cardiac arrest in children and teens can occur after a blow to the chest in a football or baseball game.</p> <p>Additional causes of a cardiac arrest in infants and children include respiratory issues, such as pneumonia, aspiration, smoke inhalation or drowning.</p> <p>Infectious factors like sepsis or meningitis, as well as cardiac factors including arrhythmias and enlarged hearts, may contribute to these events.</p> <p>Previous research has found racial, ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in the aftermath of adult cardiac arrest, with worse survival outcomes among Black adults and adults of other races or ethnicities in a lower socioeconomic status.</p> <p>Researchers evaluated data from the CARES registry to evaluate racial, ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in the number of nontraumatic out-of-hospital cardiac arrests per year and disparities in survival outcomes.</p> <p>The rate of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in Black children was more than four times higher than in white or Hispanic children.</p> <p>The majority of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occurred in children younger than five years old.</p> <p>Hispanic and white children had similar odds of survival and neurologically favorable outcomes.</p> <p>Black children were 26% less likely to survive to hospital discharge and 36% less likely to survive without neurological issues that impaired them to resume their daily activities.</p> <p>41% of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occurred in the highest-risk neighborhoods.</p> <p>Compared to children in the highest-risk neighborhoods, those from the lowest-risk neighborhoods were 45% more likely to survive to hospital discharge, and 65% more likely to survive with little or no neurological impairment.</p> <p>"While much more work is needed to determine why we see these disparities, previous studies have shown that Black children receive less CPR after cardiac arrest.</p> <p>CPR is an important determinant in cardiac arrest survival," Gathers said. "The persistence of these disparities demonstrates a need for increased resources for CPR programs in higher-risk communities."</p> <p>Source: American Heart Association Scientific Sessions 2023, Abstract 458, November 6, 2023.</p>	<p>https://finance.yahoo.com/news/food-stamps-4-major-changes-12021102.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=https://www.yahoo.com/finance/food-stamps-4-major-changes-12021102.html&guce_referrer_src=https://www.yahoo.com/finance/food-stamps-4-major-changes-12021102.html&guce_referrer_src_https=https://www.yahoo.com/finance/food-stamps-4-major-changes-12021102.html</p> <p>Pre-recorded segment aired on automation computer.</p>
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14/2024 7.46:29	Trudy Leong	11/24/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>WZRD News 11/23/2023</p> <p>The pilgrims didn't invite Native Americans to a feast. Why the Thanksgiving myth matters.</p> <p>Kinsey Crowley</p> <p>On the holiday known by many as Thanksgiving but recognized by Native American communities as the National Day of Mourning, indigenous activists and scholars are advocating for the recognition of the Wampanoag's true history. They say that must be grounded in the fact that they existed far before and long after the pilgrims' first harvest feast.</p> <p>"You can't argue with people coming together and celebrating family, good fortune and being thankful. That's an important holiday to have," scholar and Massasoit Wampanoag Tribe member Paula Peters said. "But it is also a platform that we as indigenous people have to step on and remind people of the significance of our story and the myths that are perpetuated by the Thanksgiving holiday."</p> <p>The Plymouth colonists and the Native American Wampanoag people "shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies" in 1621, according to the History Channel.</p> <p>The History Channel says that the pilgrims invited the Native Americans to the feast, but that part is a myth.</p> <p>The pilgrims were celebrating their first harvest when they fired off muskets repeatedly, a form of entertainment for the settlers.</p> <p>Hearing the blasts, the Wampanoag thought it was a threat. The supreme leader Massasoit Ousamequin assembled a small army of approximately 90 warriors and approached the settlement, much to the surprise of the pilgrims.</p> <p>After deescalating the situation, the pilgrims and the Wampanoag feasted together, though historical texts do not indicate what they might have eaten besides deer hunted by the Wampanoag, as Paula Peters writes in an introduction to "Of Plymouth Plantation."</p> <p>"The contemporary holiday perpetuates the myths of the Wampanoag and Pilgrim relations," Peters writes. "It further buries the truths of kidnappings, pestilence and subjugation and ignores the scant details of the tense encounter."</p> <p>Peters said that the years leading up to the arrival of the Mayflower and the first harvest are just as important as what followed. The pilgrims were aided by a couple of indigenous men who remarkably knew how to speak English, including a man named Squanto.</p> <p>His acquired tongue was not a miracle, but a byproduct of tragedy. In 1614, he was part of a group of Native Americans lured onto a ship and sold into slavery in Spain.</p> <p>When he returned in 1619, his home village of Patuxet had been ravaged by a great plague. The settlers who came to that same land had to move decaying bodies to make the village that later became Plymouth.</p> <p>Peters said that story is rarely told, and demonstrates an example of the erasure of indigenous histories.</p> <p>That erasure exists in part to gloss over the ugly parts of American history, said Joseph Gone, an enrolled member of the Aaniiih-Gros Ventre Tribal Nation of Montana and a professor at Harvard who researches the intersections of coloniality and mental health in American Indian communities.</p> <p>That can have an impact on those whose stories are not being told, he said.</p> <p>Although the Wampanoag and the pilgrims did not exist as harmoniously as many are taught, many tribal members still take the holiday to celebrate family.</p> <p>Jordan Marie Brings Three White Horses Whestone of the Lower Boule Sioux Tribe in South Dakota said she hopes that as people sit with the truth, they feel inspired to take action. She suggested the following:</p> <p>Changing language to reflect the history of the day by calling it "Tutwingsing" or "Thankstating"</p> <p>Incorporating more indigenous foods into Thanksgiving meals/Donate or participate in local action events</p> <p>Source: USA Today, November 22, 2023.</p>	<p>The segment "The pilgrims didn't invite Native Americans to a feast. Why the Thanksgiving myth matters" addressed conflicts arising from erasure.</p>	<p>https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2023/11/22/thanksgiving-story-native-american-history/7156381007</p> <p>https://youtu.be/C-1LVxKEBA?si=dsbqghNoViqY27YL</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment aired on automation computer.</p>
14/2024 7.54:02	Trudy Leong	11/22/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>WZRD News 12/22/2023</p> <p>A Trojan Horse in a House Intel Committee Bill Massively Expands FISA 702 Surveillance</p> <p>PSA: Spanish Coalition for Housing</p> <p>December 8, 2023 Greg Noyem, Jake Lapanvique</p> <p>Tucked away near the end of a bill headed to President Joe Biden's desk (H.R. 6611, the "HPSCI bill") is a provision that would expand surveillance under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act ("FISA 702"), which sunsets on December 31, 2023, and will be extended until mid-April 2024.</p> <p>Section 504 of the bill would expand the types of entities that can be compelled to disclose internet communications whether in storage or in transit.</p> <p>FISA 702 permits the U.S. government to compel communication service providers to disclose for foreign intelligence purposes the communications of persons reasonably believed to be non-U.S. persons abroad.</p> <p>No warrant is required: a belief that the communications relate to U.S. foreign affairs or national security is sufficient. Entities that provide communication services like email, calls, and text messaging can be compelled to disclose these communications.</p> <p>The HPSCI bill enables the government to compel anyone with mere access to the equipment on which such communications are stored or transmitted to disclose those communications.</p> <p>That could include personnel at businesses, hotels, and Airbnb's that offer WiFi to their customers and large data centers that rent out computer server space to their clients.</p> <p>Because FISA 702 does not merely give the government power to compel production of communications but rather requires that businesses provide the Government with all information, facilities, or assistance necessary to accomplish the acquisition, the government could use this new section to compel changes to the infrastructure and operations of some business entities.</p> <p>The expansion would likely facilitate compelled "Upstream" collection from these business entities, a technique in which the government demands access to the entire stream of communications data, rather than obtaining only the communications to and from surveillance targets.</p> <p>It may be difficult for businesses to ensure that only the data of Section 702 targets is turned over to the government. They may be compelled to turn over entire communication streams or permit the copying and drag-and-scan of all the data on a server they host.</p> <p>By expanding the obligation to assist with warrantless surveillance, some large U.S. players in the data business are at risk.</p> <p>Their global customers, knowing that this expansion of the law will subject the data they store with U.S. businesses to warrantless government access, will find other equipment providers in other countries with whom to store their data.</p> <p>Source: Center for Democracy & Technology, December 8, 2023, and The Hill, December 14, 2023.</p>	<p>The segment "A Trojan Horse in a House Intel Committee Bill Massively Expands FISA 702 Surveillance" addressed conflicts arising from governmental surveillance.</p>	<p>https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2023/11/22/thanksgiving-story-native-american-history/7156381007</p> <p>https://youtu.be/4XN0zQ774?si=7hN6Xh0Wz6dAUI4j</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment aired on automation computer.</p>

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14/2024 8:00:35	Trudy Leong	12/21/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>New Illinois laws that will impact motorists, transit users in 2024</p> <p>WZRD News 12/20/2023</p> <p>By James Neveau • Published December 18, 2023 • Updated on December 18, 2023 at 11:22 am</p> <p>The state of Illinois passed more than 300 new laws that will go into effect in 2024, and many of them could have an impact on how you commute, how you charge your cars or even how you stay safe on roadways.</p> <p>HB 2389: No vehicle shall be stopped or searched by law enforcement solely because of a violation of driving with any object placed or suspended between the driver and front windshield, rear windshield, side wings, or side windows.</p> <p>HB 2431: Videoconferencing while driving will now be prohibited.</p> <p>HB 2580: Motorcycle licenses will no longer be offered to residents under the age of 18, with specific exceptions.</p> <p>HB 3876: Residents of Illinois who buy vehicles in another state must apply for registration and certificate of title no less than 45 days after the purchase of the vehicle.</p> <p>SB 0896: Auxiliary lighting on motorcycles must not emit blue lights. Auxiliary lights may only emit light if they are actively beeping.</p> <p>SB 1251: Operators of ambulances or other rescue vehicles must have specified training in the operation of that vehicle. In municipalities with population of under one million residents, sirens and lamps must be in operation at all times when pedestrians and other drivers are present, and when that vehicle has been called to a bona fide emergency or has been directed to respond to traffic laws in the operation of the vehicle. The ambulance must slow down at red lights to achieve safe operation.</p> <p>SB 1626: The Department of Transportation must develop a mobile app that provides motorists with updated travel conditions.</p> <p>SB 1653: The Department of Transportation and local authorities must institute a pilot program to erect and maintain hazard bars, or visual signs and additional signage, for all viaducts and underpasses with a clearance of less than 15 feet. Hazard bars must hang at the same clearance level as the viaduct or underpass, and be located at least 500 feet in front of them.</p> <p>SB 2028: Requires best practices on stranded motorists to be included in Illinois Rules of the Road publications.</p> <p>HB 1342: A massive transit bill, the law will explore expanded reduced-fare service, require transit agencies to purchase emission-free buses, and will provide free transit to victims of domestic violence.</p> <p>SB 1892: Public transit benefits provided to a person with a disability by the Regional Transportation Authority shall automatically renew unless it is discontinued by that individual. The individual will need to submit proof of Illinois residency.</p> <p>Source: NBC5 Chicago, December 18, 2023.</p>	<p>The segment "New Illinois laws that will impact motorists, transit users in 2024" addressed the conflicts that could result from motorists unaware of the new laws.</p>	<p>https://www.nbc5chicago.com/news/local/chicago-politics/these-19-new-illinois-laws-will-impact-motorists-transit-users-in-2024-0326944</p> <p>https://youtu.be/Sg2T8Lia6s?si=Tyj99841s_OCgK3Z</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment and on automation computer.</p>
14/2024 8:08:35	Trudy Leong	12/20/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>7 views Dec 19, 2023 WZRD</p> <p>WZRD News 11/28/2023</p> <p>FCC to comply with a court order requiring the agency to conclude its still-pending 2018 quadrennial review of its local broadcast ownership rules and other broadcast news</p> <p>By David Orenford & Keenan Adamchak on November 12, 2023</p> <p>The FCC has until December 27, 2023, to comply with a court order requiring the agency to conclude its still-pending 2018 quadrennial review of its local broadcast ownership rules, including local radio ownership limits, the restrictions on commissions of two of the Top 4 TV stations in any market, and the dual network rule forbidding common ownership of two of the Top 4 TV networks.</p> <p>With that deadline in sight, lobbying at the FCC on how the FCC should conclude the proceeding has increased. Gray Television recently told the FCC that it should not tighten its television ownership rules due to the negative impact it would have on small and rural television markets.</p> <p>The National Association of Broadcasters urged the FCC to relax its radio ownership rules to enable radio broadcasters to better compete with digital audio platforms through greater scale and economic efficiencies.</p> <p>Music industry groups told the FCC that the current radio ownership restrictions should be maintained to preserve and promote not only ownership diversity, but viewpoint diversity through music and lyrics.</p> <p>An individual who formerly worked as a broadcaster urged the FCC to use its broadcast ownership rules to promote more small, local, and minority ownership in radio.</p> <p>An automotive industry group published a blog article in opposition to the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act now pending in Congress— an Act which would mandate the installation of AM radios in all new cars, including electric vehicles.</p> <p>The blog article cited a study claiming that compliance with such a mandate would cost automakers \$3.8 billion. The NAB responded stating that the Congressional Budget Office released a report which estimated that compliance would actually cost automakers only a fraction of that amount.</p> <p>The White House's recent executive order regarding Artificial Intelligence encourages the FTC to exercise its authority to promote a fair, open, and competitive AI system.</p> <p>The FTC announced that it will consider at its open meeting whether to initiate a proceeding examining how to use its authority to protect consumers from AI-enabled voice cloning scams, such as fraud and the broader misuse of biometric data and creative content.</p> <p>The FTC also filed comments in the Copyright Office's proceeding exploring the copyright implications of AI which stated that the FTC might consider AI's impact on the creative community to be an unfair trade practice, which would be an interesting suggested expansion of the FTC's usual regulatory focus.</p> <p>Source: Broadcast Law Blog, November 12, 2023.</p>	<p>The segment "FCC to comply with a court order requiring the agency to conclude its still-pending 2018 quadrennial review of its local broadcast ownership rules and other broadcast news" addressed the conflicts arising from broadcast ownership.</p>	<p>https://www.broadcastlawblog.com/2023/11/articles/this-week-in-regulation-for-broadcasters-november-6-to-10-2023/</p> <p>https://youtu.be/sJGU4pcc7hI#m1mL2o872bpf8w</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment and on automation computer.</p>

14/2024 8:36:17	Trudy Leong	12/13/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>WVRD News: 12/13/2023</p> <p>Mr. Bocanegra Goes to Washington: Chicago Anti-Violence Pioneer Joins DOJ Erica Gunderson February 12, 2022, 5:30 pm</p> <p>A longtime pioneer of Chicago's anti-violence movement has been tapped by the Biden administration to help address the nation's gun violence epidemic.</p> <p>Eddie Bocanegra began his work in Chicago as an outreach worker at the Chicago-based violence prevention program Casafire. He went on to start the Urban Warriors program with the YMCA, connecting youth with military veteran mentors.</p> <p>As a senior director at Heartland Alliance, Bocanegra began READI Chicago, which offers intensive resources for people at high risk for violence.</p> <p>Bocanegra has taken leave from Heartland Alliance to take a position as senior adviser for the Community Violence Intervention office at the U.S. Department of Justice.</p> <p>Bocanegra sees his appointment to this new advisory role as an indicator that the Biden administration is serious about addressing gun violence.</p> <p>Bocanegra said, "The administration is allowing someone with my lived experience — also coupled by the experience that I have by implementing these programs — [allowing] us to inform some of the decisions that we could make, that would engage policy issues, and where we could allocate our resources to have a bigger bang for our buck."</p> <p>The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is the component of the U.S. Department of Justice responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources.</p> <p>The COPS Office awards grants to hire community policing professionals, develop and test innovative policing strategies, and provide training and technical assistance to community members, local government leaders, and all levels of law enforcement.</p> <p>Since 1994, the COPS Office has been appropriated more than \$20 billion to help advance community policing.</p> <p>As personal and property crime rises all over the United States, the public demands more action from local law enforcement.</p> <p>So do the country's business communities, which the National Retail Federation reports not only have lost an estimated \$112.1 billion in 2022 due to smash-and-grab raids and other incidents of theft or malicious property damage, but also are concerned about the safety of their employees endangered by such crimes.</p> <p>Source: WTTW, February 12, 2022, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), and World Security Report</p>	<p>The segment "Mr. Bocanegra Goes to Washington: Chicago Anti-Violence Pioneer Joins DOJ" addressed countering the conflict of violence.</p>	<p>https://news.wttw.com/2022/02/12/mr-bocanegra-goes-washington-chicago-anti-violence-pioneer-joins-doj https://cops.usdoj.gov/about/cops https://www.worldsecurityreport.com</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment aired on automation computer.</p>
14/2024 8:40:17	Trudy Leong	12/14/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>WVRD News 12/14/2023</p> <p>Scientists raising concerns about 'monstrous' giant goldfish wreaking havoc on Great Lakes WWJ Newradio 950 December 12, 2023 2:04 pm</p> <p>(WWJ) — Scientists are sounding the alarm as giant goldfish are popping up in the Great Lakes, causing harm to the freshwater ecosystems.</p> <p>A report from Smithsonian Magazine says "monstrous invasive goldfish measuring more than a foot in length" have been spotted not only in the Great Lakes, but other freshwater sources across the U.S.</p> <p>They are "gobbling up native species and sometimes wreaking havoc on local ecosystems," according to Smithsonian's Margaret Osborne.</p> <p>Scientists and researchers believe the goldfish — a common first pet for many — were released into the wild by owners who did not think they would do any harm.</p> <p>But the five-inch fish, belonging to the same family as carp, can grow to 19 inches long and weigh up to nearly 10 lbs. While not all grow this big, even the small ones can cause problems and spread diseases.</p> <p>The Smithsonian report says abandoned goldfish have been known to root up plants in the Great Lakes, contribute to harmful algal blooms and consume native vegetation.</p> <p>Scientists believe there are millions, if not tens of millions, of goldfish in the Great Lakes.</p> <p>They are issuing pleas to pet owners to not abandon them outdoors.</p> <p>"It doesn't matter whether it's a snake, a turtle, a bird or a fish, you just can't put it into the wild," one aquatic ecologist said, according to the Smithsonian story. "It's often going to be harmful to that animal because they're not adapted to that place, but also we're going to harm our local animals and plants."</p> <p>The Smithsonian report says abandoned goldfish have been known to root up plants in the Great Lakes, contribute to harmful algal blooms and consume native vegetation.</p> <p>Scientists believe there are millions, if not tens of millions, of goldfish in the Great Lakes.</p> <p>They are issuing pleas to pet owners to not abandon them outdoors.</p> <p>"It doesn't matter whether it's a snake, a turtle, a bird or a fish, you just can't put it into the wild," one aquatic ecologist said, according to the Smithsonian story. "It's often going to be harmful to that animal because they're not adapted to that place, but also we're going to harm our local animals and plants."</p> <p>Source: WWJ Newradio 950, December 12, 2023</p>	<p>The segment "Scientists raising concerns about 'monstrous' giant goldfish wreaking havoc on Great Lakes" described the conflict between giant goldfish and freshwater ecosystems.</p>	<p>https://www.audacy.com/wwjnewradio/wwj/scientists-concerned-about-monstrous-goldfish-in-great-lakes https://youtu.be/JR9wYMOAa7u1m-BRNhd8ZafC84E4</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment aired on automation computer.</p>
14/2024 8:47:28	Trudy Leong	12/12/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>Pritzker signs law giving driver's licenses to noncitizen immigrants by John Clark Updated: Jun 30, 2023 / 01:33 PM CDT</p> <p>CHICAGO, Ill. (WYVO) — Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker signed a bill into law that allows undocumented immigrants to get a standardized driver's license.</p> <p>The license will replace the current Temporary Visitor Driver's License (TVDL).</p> <p>House Bill 2883 would allow noncitizen residents to receive a standard driver's license with the wording "Federal Limits Apply" printed on top.</p> <p>Those eligible for a TVDL must have lived in Illinois for more than a year and do not have a Social Security number.</p> <p>Individuals must provide their U.S. immigration documentation, a passport or a consular card — requirements that remain the same under the new proposal.</p> <p>Applicants for a standard driver's license would be required to follow the same process as applying for a TVDL.</p> <p>The license they receive would be the same as one issued to any other Illinoisan whose ID does not comply with federal REAL ID guidelines.</p> <p>House Bill 2883 goes into effect on January 1, 2024.</p> <p>Source: WGN9 Chicago, June 3, 2023.</p>	<p>The segment "Pritzker signs law giving driver's licenses to noncitizen immigrants" addressed the conflict of noncitizen immigrant resources.</p>	<p>https://www.mystelaine.com/news/local-news/pritzker-signs-law-giving-drivers-licenses-to-noncitizen-immigrants https://youtu.be/CJfG4QJUBA7u1m-JLLJ7PB_#PT0-WF</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment aired on automation computer.</p>
16/2024 5:50:16	Trudy Leong	12/13/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>WVRD News: 12/13/2023</p> <p>Pritzker signs law giving driver's licenses to noncitizen immigrants by John Clark Updated: Jun 30, 2023 / 01:33 PM CDT</p> <p>CHICAGO, Ill. (WYVO) — Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker signed a bill into law that allows undocumented immigrants to get a standardized driver's license.</p> <p>The license will replace the current Temporary Visitor Driver's License (TVDL).</p> <p>House Bill 2883 would allow noncitizen residents to receive a standard driver's license with the wording "Federal Limits Apply" printed on top.</p> <p>Those eligible for a TVDL must have lived in Illinois for more than a year and do not have a Social Security number.</p> <p>Individuals must provide their U.S. immigration documentation, a passport or a consular card — requirements that remain the same under the new proposal.</p> <p>Applicants for a standard driver's license would be required to follow the same process as applying for a TVDL.</p> <p>The license they receive would be the same as one issued to any other Illinoisan whose ID does not comply with federal REAL ID guidelines.</p> <p>House Bill 2883 goes into effect on January 1, 2024.</p> <p>Source: WGN9 Chicago, June 3, 2023.</p>	<p>The segment "Pritzker signs law giving driver's licenses to noncitizen immigrants" is relevant to the issue "Migrant crisis in Chicago."</p>	<p>https://www.mystelaine.com/news/local-news/pritzker-signs-law-giving-drivers-licenses-to-noncitizen-immigrants https://youtu.be/CJfG4QJUBA7u1m-JLLJ7PB_#PT0-WF</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment aired on automation computer.</p>
16/2024 5:56:41	Trudy Leong	12/5/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>WVRD News: 12/5/2023</p> <p>Why Time Feels Faster as We Age: The Science Behind Faster Years PSA: Be a Y-CAP Peer Advocate Exploring Professor Adrian Bejan's Insightful Theory on How and Why Our Perception of Time Accelerates as We Grow Older: A Journey from Mind Time to Clock Time Nucleus_AI 1241 Stories Friday October 13, 2023</p> <p>A groundbreaking paper from Professor Adrian Bejan of Duke University delves into the physics behind the phenomenon of why, as adults, years appear to zip by in a flash.</p> <p>While clocks measure time consistently (24 hours a day, every day), our personal experience of it varies. This is the difference between "mind time" and "clock time".</p> <p>As we age, the way our brain processes what we see changes. When younger, we constantly take in and process new visuals, making time feel lengthy. As we age, this process slows, making time feel like it's racing.</p> <p>Tiredness affects how our eyes move and process visual data. When athletes are exhausted, they often struggle because their sense of timing is disrupted.</p> <p>As our brain becomes more intricate with age, the pathways that data travel on become more complex. This change in how our brain processes information alters our perception of time's flow.</p> <p>As we grow older, our brains deteriorate, affecting our perception of time. Studies have shown elderly people process visual information slower, making them feel as though time is zooming by.</p> <p>Bejan's interest in this topic started in his youth. As a basketball player, he realized that games played earlier in the day, when players were less rested, usually had worse performances. The significance of rest and its impact on the perception of time became evident.</p> <p>While we cannot control the clock, we can influence our perception of time. Emulating healthy habits, like good sleep, can alter how we experience the passage of time.</p> <p>A study conducted on people of various age groups found differences in how time is perceived. While younger children felt longer durations during action-packed events, adults felt the opposite, with uneventful durations feeling longer.</p> <p>As we grow, our understanding of time changes from being event-driven to being more absolute. In essence, time's perception is both a matter of physics and our cognitive processes.</p> <p>While time might always seem to fly, understanding why can make us more present in each passing moment.</p> <p>Source: YourStory, October 13, 2023.</p>	<p>The segment "Why Time Feels Faster as We Age: The Science Behind Faster Years" is relevant to the conflict between reality and perception.</p>	<p>https://yourstory.com/2023/10/science-behind-time-perception-aging https://youtu.be/1T1c2R030w</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment aired on automation computer.</p>

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16/2024 6.00:41	Trudy Leong	12/8/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>WZRD News: 12/6/2023</p> <p>Chicago Transit Authority Partners with Google to Launch Multilingual Chatbot for Commuter Assistance</p> <p>PSA: Brainfuse: Homework Help Free with your library card.</p> <p>By Jo Marquez Published on December 05, 2023</p> <p>The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) announced a new partnership with Google Public Sector to roll out a chatbot for their website, transit.chicago.gov.</p> <p>This virtual assistant aims to give commuters a seamless experience when it comes to reporting problems or giving feedback about the transit system.</p> <p>The Chat with CTA bot is expected to modernize customer interaction by providing simple, one-step support and quick solutions to common queries.</p> <p>The chatbot will converse in English, Spanish, Polish, Simplified Chinese, and Filipino Tagalog, reflecting the linguistic fabric of the area it serves.</p> <p>While this virtual assistant is aimed at easing customer service processes, it will not replace human hands during crises.</p> <p>It is designed to address basic travel questions and collect feedback on service quality.</p> <p>The chatbot will not field emergency issues. Customers still need to call 911 in life-threatening situations or directly contact a CTA employee for urgent safety concerns.</p> <p>Despite being a major move towards leveraging technology, the chatbot marks just the beginning of an all-encompassing customer service ecosystem that the CTA plans to introduce.</p> <p>It builds on Google Public Sector's existing relationship with Illinois, previously seen with the state's Department of Employment Security.</p> <p>The chatbot is projected to launch in early 2024, complementing the suite of existing channels for customer communication, which includes phone, email, and a web feedback form. This indicates CTA's ambition to not just match but to significantly exceed commuter expectations.</p> <p>Source: Headline, December 5, 2023.</p> <p>https://headline.com/2023/12/chicago-transit-authority-partners-with-google-to-launch-multilingual-chatbot-for-commuter-assistance</p> <p>Brainfuse: Homework Help Free with your library card Get help with your homework online from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. daily.</p> <p>Get expert help with: Writing assignments Math, science and social studies subjects Spanish homework English as a second language lessons</p> <p>Available in English and Spanish for early elementary through advanced college prep students.</p> <p>Practice tests (including ACT/SAT), a writing lab, video content and other resources are available 24/7.</p> <p>More information at www.chspublic.org/resources/learning</p> <p>The segment "Chicago Transit Authority Partners with Google to Launch Multilingual Chatbot for Commuter Assistance" addresses resolving the conflict in communication between riders and the CTA.</p>	<p>https://headline.com/2023/12/chicago-transit-authority-partners-with-google-to-launch-multilingual-chatbot-for-commuter-assistance</p> <p>https://youtu.be/H4G26TAHnG4</p>	Pre-recorded segment aired on automation computer.
16/2024 6.05:15	Trudy Leong	12/6/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>WZRD News: 12/1/2023</p> <p>New Just Cause Ordinance hopes to ensure housing equality for tenants</p> <p>Ella Jeffries, Print Managing Editor October 17, 2023</p> <p>After months of review by Evanston's Just Cause task force, the city's new proposed Just Cause Ordinance is ready to be reviewed by the Housing and Community Development Committee.</p> <p>The Just Cause task force was created in August 2023 after councilmember Devon Reid, the lead sponsor of the amendments, made a recommendation for a committee to be put together to review the ordinance.</p> <p>If passed, the new ordinance will create specific guidelines for when and how an individual can be removed from their unit, including seven reasons for what is termed as a "just cause for eviction," Reid said.</p> <p>Currently, there are no guidelines that landlords and housing providers must follow to evict a tenant. The new provision outlines nonpayment, planned renovations, the sale of the building and material noncompliance as grounds for eviction or nonrenewal.</p> <p>The ordinance has received backlash from local landlords who say this is an infringement on their property rights. Task force member, Managing Broker of Northshore Apartments and Condos Eric Priest, hopes to generate another solution.</p> <p>Priest believes that increased regulation will cause local landlords to sell their buildings to large out-of-state investors who are strictly focused on profits and do not have a stake in caring for the local community.</p> <p>He said properties in San Francisco and Portland, Oregon — where ordinances like this are already in place — no longer have local landlords, are often not maintained and have dramatically increasing rent prices.</p> <p>After the ordinance is reviewed by the Housing and Development Committee, members will choose whether to recommend it to City Council.</p> <p>In an earlier Housing and Community Development meeting this year, community member Loren Berlin addressed the opposition from landlords.</p> <p>"The system works very well for people with enough. It just does," Berlin said. "My guess is we all have housing, my guess is we're not all of being evicted, and I just want to say that some of this is about thinking about people who are not in that position."</p> <p>Source: Daily Northwestern, October 17, 2023.</p> <p>The segment "New Just Cause Ordinance hopes to ensure housing equality for tenants" addresses the conflict between tenants and landlords regarding eviction.</p>	<p>https://dailynorthwestern.com/2023/10/17/hsh/new-just-cause-ordinance-hopes-to-ensure-housing-equality-for-tenants</p> <p>https://youtu.be/14vg9tHUBHg</p>	Pre-recorded segment aired on automation computer.
16/2024 6.14:03	Trudy Leong	12/1/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>WZRD News: 11/9/2023</p> <p>Cook County launches program to provide free cell phones to survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking</p> <p>PSA: Addressing Anti-Indigeneity (Reading Circle) and Revitalización de las lenguas indígenas como un proyecto comunitario y no desde el Estado?</p> <p>By Nate Rodgers/Published November 8, 2023 4:34PM Cook County</p> <p>COOK COUNTY - Cook County has launched a new program aimed at aiding survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, offering them a chance to regain their independence and rebuild their lives.</p> <p>In partnership with the 911 Cell Phone Bank, the initiative is designed to provide free or refurbished cell phones to individuals who have been affected by domestic violence or human trafficking.</p> <p>The program recognizes the significance of connecting survivors, especially women and children, with their families and the support services they need.</p> <p>In many instances, these survivors find themselves without phones or other electronic devices, often having had their belongings confiscated by their abusers.</p> <p>In 2021, the Cook County Sheriff's Office assisted approximately 100 survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, offering housing, food, clothing, and various other essential resources. Nearly 40% of these survivors lacked access to cell phones.</p> <p>Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart emphasized the importance of providing these cell phones as a lifeline for survivors to connect with necessary services while ensuring their abusers remain unaware of their actions.</p> <p>The donated cell phones come equipped with Wi-Fi capability and include unlimited minute plans for at least 60 days. After this initial period, survivors will be subject to a minimal monthly fee.</p> <p>Source: Fox 32 Chicago, November 8, 2023.</p> <p>https://www.fox32chicago.com/news/cook-county-program-free-cell-phones-survivors-domestic-violence-human-trafficking</p> <p>PSA: Please join Let's Talk About It: Solidarity Work Luncheon Part 2</p> <p>Addressing Anti-Indigeneity (Reading Circle) on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Pedrosa Center, (B-159), at Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave.</p> <p>PSA: You are invited to Revitalización de las lenguas indígenas como un proyecto comunitario y no desde el Estado?</p> <p>Revitalization of indigenous languages as a community project and not from the State, on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Pedrosa Center, (B-159), at Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave.</p> <p>The segment "Cook County launches program to provide free cell phones to survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking" addresses the conflict between safety and poverty for victims of domestic abuse.</p>	<p>https://www.fox32chicago.com/news/cook-county-program-free-cell-phones-survivors-domestic-violence-human-trafficking</p> <p>https://youtu.be/0E14RC8U6UE</p>	Pre-recorded segment aired on automation computer.
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16/2024 6:36:08	Trudy Leong	11/3/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Global warming	News	<p>For more information contact Brandon Bisbey, Ph.D. at b-bisbey@niu.edu.</p> <p>WZRD News 11/2/2023</p> <p>Why are migrants coming to Chicago? Newly arrived asylum seekers seek resettlement here</p> <p>By Liz Nagy and Blanca Rios Friday, October 20, 2023</p> <p>Why are migrants coming to Chicago?</p> <p>A delegation of Chicago officials spent the week visiting border towns in Texas to learn why migrants are traveling to Chicago and about strategies to help them resettle.</p> <p>BROWNSVILLE, Texas (M.S.) — The first rough and tumble steps inside the United States that most migrants and asylum seekers take are on a path that is dusty and strewn with trampled clothes, shoes that have been abandoned and personal items tangled in barbed wire.</p> <p>Many who have crossed are trying to make it 1,400 miles north to Chicago, but Chicago leaders who visited the border tried to inform them that their life in Chicago may not be as easy as they think it will be.</p> <p>Late into the night border patrol keeps guard at an unofficial crossing site near Brownsville. Agents say migrants often arrive on trailers in the dark.</p> <p>When they finally make it through to the first step of immigration processing at the border many have declared Chicago as their desired city.</p> <p>"Even though we might say Chicago is cold or it's going to be hard to find, that's not going to stop someone who now has the hope that there's possible work," said Deputy Mayor of Immigrant and Refugee Rights Beatriz Ponce de Leon.</p> <p>Every one of them has legal papers that they visibly hold close, but this is just the beginning of a complicated legal process that even seasoned immigration lawyers in Chicago are still learning to help navigate.</p> <p>"Immigration can issue them a notice to appear in Chicago. That doesn't necessarily mean that it's been filed with the court order, that he's gotten to the court in Chicago, or that the court system in Chicago recognizes them.</p> <p>"They've given this address, and there's lots of different addresses in Chicago that people are given. They're coming to Chicago with hopes of entering the system, however the system is quite backed up," said Ellen Miller, pro bono manager for National Immigrant Justice Center.</p> <p>Brownsville is just a way-station, and the border city has honed a quick plan to get migrants connected to legally declared sponsors.</p> <p>"It's a process that we do to make sure that they are not going to your shelters, they are not going to your police stations, anywhere that you have designated as a shelter in your area," said Renee Talence, emergency management administrator. "We're not passing our issues, our city, to our receiving city. That's the last thing we want."</p> <p>Chicago city leaders said it has become clear through multiple steps in multiple cities that Texas is a temporary stop for migrants after crossing the border. They are also part of the state's efforts to send buses of migrants to Chicago.</p> <p>"The main theme is everything is federally funded here and their operations are very tight in terms of the timeline," said Deputy Chief of Staff Cristina Pascoe-Zayas.</p> <p>With a migrant population of more than 18,000 and counting, and a small fraction of the federal funds these border cities have access to, Chicago's challenge is more permanent.</p> <p>Source: ABC7 Chicago, October 20, 2023.</p> <p>WZRD News 11/1/2023</p> <p>High dosage tutoring can help kids recover from pandemic learning loss. Tutoring Chicago is a free program stepping up to help.</p> <p>By Darcel Rockett Published: Oct 27, 2023 at 5:00 am</p> <p>Tutoring Chicago is a 58-year-old nonprofit whose mission is to offer free one-on-one tutoring and social-emotional programming to first through 10th grade students, in person or virtually.</p> <p>CPS CEO Pedro Martinez said recent data shows improvement in the average Illinois Assessment of Readiness scores, the state's federally mandated measurement of students' mastery of Illinois Learning Standards in English language arts and math for grades three through eight in public school districts.</p> <p>It indicates some rebound from pandemic learning loss, but not enough to match levels prior to 2020. The disparities that continue in math and literacy for low-income students and students of color indicate that more support is needed.</p> <p>"Research is pointing to the fact that students are not on track to catch up to where they would have been before the pandemic," said Sonali Lal, Naperville resident and founder of education consulting practice by Laagaa Potential, which has been providing tutoring and educational services since 2011. "The learning loss from the pandemic... we haven't recovered from it, but we have found that high-dosage tutoring is very effective in helping to reverse pandemic learning loss."</p> <p>High-dosage tutoring is intensive tutoring where educators meet with students at least three times a week during the school day for a minimum of 30 minutes — either one-on-one or in small groups. Lal said her business created a new division to conduct high-dosage tutoring virtually called Common Ground Tutors. 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Agents say migrants often arrive on trailers in the dark.</p> <p>When they finally make it through to the first step of immigration processing at the border many have declared Chicago as their desired city.</p> <p>"Even though we might say Chicago is cold or it's going to be hard to find, that's not going to stop someone who now has the hope that there's possible work," said Deputy Mayor of Immigrant and Refugee Rights Beatriz Ponce de Leon.</p> <p>Every one of them has legal papers that they visibly hold close, but this is just the beginning of a complicated legal process that even seasoned immigration lawyers in Chicago are still learning to help navigate.</p> <p>"Immigration can issue them a notice to appear in Chicago. That doesn't necessarily mean that it's been filed with the court order, that he's gotten to the court in Chicago, or that the court system in Chicago recognizes them.</p> <p>"They've given this address, and there's lots of different addresses in Chicago that people are given. They're coming to Chicago with hopes of entering the system, however the system is quite backed up," said Ellen Miller, pro bono manager for National Immigrant Justice Center.</p> <p>Brownsville is just a way-station, and the border city has honed a quick plan to get migrants connected to legally declared sponsors.</p> <p>"It's a process that we do to make sure that they are not going to your shelters, they are not going to your police stations, anywhere that you have designated as a shelter in your area," said Renee Talence, emergency management administrator. "We're not passing our issues, our city, to our receiving city. That's the last thing we want."</p> <p>Chicago city leaders said it has become clear through multiple steps in multiple cities that Texas is a temporary stop for migrants after crossing the border. They are also part of the state's efforts to send buses of migrants to Chicago.</p> <p>"The main theme is everything is federally funded here and their operations are very tight in terms of the timeline," said Deputy Chief of Staff Cristina Pascoe-Zayas.</p> <p>With a migrant population of more than 18,000 and counting, and a small fraction of the federal funds these border cities have access to, Chicago's challenge is more permanent.</p> <p>Source: ABC7 Chicago, October 20, 2023.</p> <p>WZRD News 11/1/2023</p> <p>High dosage tutoring can help kids recover from pandemic learning loss. 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16/2024 7:41:14	Trudy Leong	10/18/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	<p>WZRD News 10/17/2023</p> <p>Illinois Employers Required to Provide Public Transit Benefits in 2024</p> <p>NEIU 10/18/2023 event</p> <p>September 12, 2023</p> <p>By Timothy J. Stanton and Hillary M. Sizer</p> <p>Many employers with at least fifty employees in the six-county Chicago area will have to provide their full-time employees with pre-tax public transit benefits starting January 1, 2024, under a new Illinois law.</p> <p>The Transportation Benefits Program Act, enacted on July 28, 2023, makes Illinois one of a handful of U.S. jurisdictions to mandate employee transportation benefits, along with the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Seattle, New York City, and New Jersey.</p> <p>The act applies to employers with at least fifty full-time employees working in certain geographic areas in Illinois that offer a public transit system operated by the Regional Transportation Authority.</p> <p>Beginning January 1, 2024, employers will need to provide the benefit to all full-time employees after 120 days of employment.</p> <p>The transit benefit must comply with federal rules for qualified transportation fringe benefits.</p> <p>Illinois's Transportation Benefits Program Act applies to employers that: (1) are located in one of thirty-eight specific counties and townships in Illinois, and (2) employ fifty or more full-time employees in one of the specified geographic areas at an address that is located within one mile of a fixed-route transit service run by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA).</p> <p>The RTA oversees transit systems in the six-county Chicago area.</p> <p>The act requires covered employers to provide a commuter benefit to all full-time employees, beginning with the first full pay period after 120 days of employment. "Full-time" means working at least thirty-five hours per week and receiving compensation on a full-time basis.</p> <p>The benefit must allow employees to elect pre-tax salary reductions to be used to reimburse transit pass expenses. The act defines "transit pass" to include bikers, fare cards, and vouchers entitling a person to transportation on a public transportation system within the jurisdiction of the RTA or the Chicago Transit Authority.</p> <p>Employers are not required by the law to make any contributions to employees for commuter benefits, but they are allowed to do so under federal tax laws.</p> <p>The transit benefit must satisfy the federal requirements and limitations for qualified transportation fringe benefits contained in Internal Revenue Code Section 132(f). This includes the monthly maximum election amount, which is subject to annual cost-of-living adjustments.</p> <p>The maximum amount per month in 2023 is \$300.</p> <p>The Internal Revenue Service has not yet published the monthly maximum amount for 2024. This maximum amount applies whether transportation benefits are funded by employee salary reductions, employer contributions, or a combination of both.</p> <p>Federal law also allows employers to provide reimbursement benefits for vanpooling, parking, and bicycle commuting expenses, though this is not required under the Transportation Benefits Program Act.</p> <p>Source: Ogletree Deakins, September 22, 2023.</p> <p>https://ogletree.com/insights-resources/blog-posts/illinois-employers-required-to-provide-public-transit-benefits-in-2024</p> <p>The community is invited to Queen and BiPOC Politics in Children's Literature, with Dr. Isabel Millan, on Wednesday, 10/18/2023, at 5:00pm - 6:30pm on Zoom. Please contact Shireen Roshanravan at s-roshanravan@neiu.edu for the Zoom link.</p>	<p>The segment "Illinois Employers Required to Provide Public Transit Benefits in 2024" reflects the conflict between employees and employers.</p>	<p>https://ogletree.com/insights-resources/blog-posts/illinois-employers-required-to-provide-public-transit-benefits-in-2024</p> <p>https://youtu.be/vcmqaa3QdVE</p> <p>Pre-recorded segment and on automation computer.</p>
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Eligible Illinois homeowners can apply online at www.illinoishousinghelp.org.</p> <p>*Any homeowner struggling to make their monthly payments due to lingering fallout from the pandemic should not hesitate and reach out to see if you are eligible for this free assistance, said IHDA Executive Director Kristin Faust. "There is no guarantee of additional funding from Congress, so do not miss out on this opportunity and visit www.illinoishousinghelp.org today to see if IHDA or any other state of Illinois resources can help."</p> <p>Originally launched in April 2022, IHAF has provided more than \$246 million to help 13,730 Illinois homeowners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic avoid foreclosure and remain in their homes while they regained their footing. The average grant amount is \$11,988 per household and more than 69 percent of IHAF funds have gone to socially disadvantaged areas throughout Illinois.</p> <p>IHAF was created to help homeowners avoid mortgage default and foreclosure after experiencing a financial hardship related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Payments are made directly to the mortgage servicer, taxing body or other eligible entity once a homeowner's application has been approved. To qualify for IHAF, Illinois homeowners must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be past due on one or more of mortgage loan, property tax, property insurance and/or HOA/condo association fee payments. Have a household income at or below 150 percent Area Median Income. Own and occupy a home in Illinois as a primary residence. Experienced a financial hardship after Jan. 21, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic (including a hardship that began before Jan. 21, 2020 but continued after that date). Proof of citizenship is not required to apply and receive IHAF assistance. IHAF assistance is not a public charge benefit. <p>IHDA has partnered with housing counseling agencies and community-based organizations across the state to assist households with assembling the required documents and completing their applications. This assistance is free and available in more than 37 languages, including American Sign Language. A list of these agencies offering assistance can be found online at www.illinoishousinghelp.org or by calling 866-454-3571.</p> <p>Source: Illinois Housing Development Authority, September 1, 2023.</p> <p>The Justice Studies Teach-In: Movement for Indigenous Peoples' Day Chicago: Building Solidarity Across the Decades will take place on 10/11/2023 at 12:00pm - 1:30pm in the Pedrosa Center (B-159) at Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. 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18/2024 8.11:56	Trudy Leong	9/29/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Migrant crisis in Chicago	News	<p>Source: South Side Weekly, September 22, 2023.</p> <p>WZRD News 9/28/2023</p> <p>As SAFE-T Act goes live, murder suspects previously eligible to post bond are held in jail Tuesday, September 19, 2023</p> <p>Hearings have been longer, more deliberative – resembling federal detention proceedings</p> <p>By BETH HUNSDORFER & HANNAH MEISEL</p> <p>In courthouses around Illinois after September 18, 2023, judges conducted the first hearings under a new system that determines whether a defendant will be jailed while awaiting trial based on dangerousness and risk of fleeing prosecution, rather than their ability to post bail.</p> <p>The abolition of cash bail was included in the SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform of 2021 and originally slated to take effect Jan. 1, though court challenges delayed its implementation.</p> <p>In St. Clair County Circuit Court, where nearly 2,000 history cases and more than 3,400 misdemeanors are filed annually, at least one person was released from jail to await trial on the second day the SAFE-T Act's bail reform provisions were in effect.</p> <p>The new law entitles defendants held in lieu of bail prior to the September 18, 2023 effective date to petition to have their cases moved to the new system.</p> <p>The hearings resembled detention hearings held in federal court – which has not used cash bail as a detention method since 1984 – with testimony focusing on whether the person is a flight risk or a danger to the public or a specific person.</p> <p>Bond hearings have historically been quick affairs, often with no defense attorneys present for indigent defendants who would not get assigned a public defender until later in their case.</p> <p>But detention hearings in Kane County on the Monday afternoon of September 18, 2023, took about 15 minutes each. Both the state attorney and the public defender assigned to handle the week's hearings laid out their cases for why the defendant should continue to be held in Kane County Jail or released.</p> <p>All parties and the judge also had access to the defendant's criminal history, a practice that is not new in other Kane or St. Clair county courts, but is a novel development in many counties that have been working with the Office of Statewide Pretrial Services, which has been staffing up to compile those reports for the better part of a year.</p> <p>Two murder suspects in St. Clair County were found ineligible for release and held until that Judge John O'Garra told the defendants that they had the right to appeal his decisions and, if they could not afford an attorney, a public defender would be appointed for them.</p> <p>St. Clair County Public Defender Cathy MacElroy filed motions for detention hearings under the SAFE-T Act for all the clients she represents who were jailed in lieu of bail prior to Monday. She anticipates there will be hundreds of hearings in the coming month.</p> <p>"It's day one and I can already see that I will need more help," MacElroy said.</p> <p>In addition to the detention hearings, defendants that are detained must be tried within 90 days – 30 days shorter than the previous 120-day speedy trial requirement. Extensions requested by the defense do not count against that timeframe.</p> <p>St. Clair County Chief Judge Andrew Gleason said that he expects more hearings and that he set aside a courtroom for those hearings and reassigned a judge from traffic and misdemeanor court to preside over detention hearings.</p> <p>The SAFE-T Act was a response to the cash bail system, which the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights found disproportionately impacts minorities.</p> <p>The random alcohol testing order is an example of a condition Kane County Chief Judge Clint Hull said he expected to see less frequently under the SAFE-T Act, given the law's mandate that defendants be placed under the least-restrictive conditions necessary while still ensuring they show up to court.</p> <p>While Hull said he's heard concerns from law enforcement predicting fewer opportunities to reach those who may need drug or alcohol treatment, he said he understands one of the SAFE-T Act's many goals is to limit judges giving "conditions just for conditions' sake."</p> <p>"This is the biggest criminal justice change since the code was revised in 1963, so there's a lot of things that we don't know," Hull said.</p> <p>A misdemeanor domestic battery charge — one of the so-called "detainable offenses" laid out under the new law, is the type of case Hull predicted would be the most common to appear in detention hearings.</p> <p>Though that includes a majority of the 15,000 migrants who have arrived in Chicago, thousands are still excluded.</p> <p>The expansion of Temporary Protected Status, extended to Venezuelans arriving on or before July 31, 2023.</p> <p>Almost a quarter of all arrivals came after Aug. 2, 2023, according to data from the city's Office of Emergency Management and Communications, and many of those here were not Venezuelan, including a quarter of the 8,300 in city shelters.</p> <p>Roughly 40% of all arrivals would not get any relief from the new TPS, leaving them in the care of the city, which pushed for the expanded special status because it would allow people to become independent.</p> <p>The city has projected that without that change, it would have to spend hundreds of millions to care for recent arrivals ineligible to work. Those expenses include a \$29.1 million contract with GardaWorld to help set up the "winterized base camps" Mayor Brandon Johnson proposed to house the migrants. But GardaWorld has been cited for the mistreatment of migrants, including children, in Texas and in Canada.</p> <p>The pace of arrivals is only growing. Over the weekend, 12 more busloads arrived, more than in any five-day period since the crisis began in August 2022. In August, there were almost 233,000 encounters at the Southwest border. Between October 2022 and August, there were more than a million encounters with non-Venezuelans.</p> <p>From 2013 through 2019, nearly two-thirds of all economic activity in Venezuela disappeared, according to an estimate from the International Monetary Fund. By comparison, during the Great Depression in the U.S., the economy shrank less than a third.</p> <p>"That's not right. 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18/2024 8.17:11	Trudy Leong	9/28/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>Source: Capital News Illinois, September 19, 2023.</p> <p>WZRD News 9/27/2023</p> <p>Newest migrant arrivals, others excluded from speed up of work authorization</p> <p>Lecture: Dr. Juan Dalmau, Secretary General, Puerto Rican Independence Party, on The Struggle for Puerto Rico's Independence: Past, Present, and Future</p> <p>By Michael Loria Updated Sept 25, 2023, 8:55pm CDT</p> <p>The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's announcement about the extension and redesignation of Venezuela to Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months, due to extraordinary and temporary conditions in Venezuela that prevent individuals from safely returning, will affect potentially hundreds of thousands of migrants around the country, protecting them from deportation and accelerating their work authorization.</p> <p>Though that includes a majority of the 15,000 migrants who have arrived in Chicago, thousands are still excluded.</p> <p>The expansion of Temporary Protected Status, extended to Venezuelans arriving on or before July 31, 2023.</p> <p>Almost a quarter of all arrivals came after Aug. 2, 2023, according to data from the city's Office of Emergency Management and Communications, and many of those here were not Venezuelan, including a quarter of the 8,300 in city shelters.</p> <p>Roughly 40% of all arrivals would not get any relief from the new TPS, leaving them in the care of the city, which pushed for the expanded special status because it would allow people to become independent.</p> <p>The city has projected that without that change, it would have to spend hundreds of millions to care for recent arrivals ineligible to work. Those expenses include a \$29.1 million contract with GardaWorld to help set up the "winterized base camps" Mayor Brandon Johnson proposed to house the migrants. But GardaWorld has been cited for the mistreatment of migrants, including children, in Texas and in Canada.</p> <p>The pace of arrivals is only growing. Over the weekend, 12 more busloads arrived, more than in any five-day period since the crisis began in August 2022. In August, there were almost 233,000 encounters at the Southwest border. Between October 2022 and August, there were more than a million encounters with non-Venezuelans.</p> <p>From 2013 through 2019, nearly two-thirds of all economic activity in Venezuela disappeared, according to an estimate from the International Monetary Fund. By comparison, during the Great Depression in the U.S., the economy shrank less than a third.</p> <p>"That's not right. The 31st of July — why that day?" said Marisol Leon, who was an elementary school teacher in Venezuela, seated inside a police station with her three daughters and their dog, Cookie. "I need work, too, to help take care of these four."</p>	The segment "As SAFE-T Act goes live, murder suspects previously eligible to post bond are held in jail" illustrates the conflict deriving from misconceptions about the SAFE-T Act's ramifications.	https://capitolnewsillinois.com/news/as-safe-t-act-goes-live-murder-suspects-previously-eligible-to-post-bond-are-held-in-jail https://youtu.be/vHw1Zb2vAE	Pre-recorded segment and on automation computer.
18/2024 8.13:22	Trudy Leong	9/27/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Migrant crisis in Chicago	News	<p>Source: Chicago Sun-Times, September 25, 2023 and the Department of Homeland Security, September 21, 2023.</p>	The segment "Newest migrant arrivals, others excluded from speed up of work authorization" is relevant to the issue "Migrant crisis in Chicago."	https://chicago.suntimes.com/2023/9/25/22889536/migrant-crisis-chicago-work-permits-venezuela-latin-central-south-america-exclusions https://www.dhs.gov/news/2023/09/20/secretary-mayorkas-announces-extension-and-redesignation-venezuela-temporary https://youtu.be/cYRqW7aVhK	Pre-recorded segment and on automation computer.

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1/6/2024 8:37:26	Trudy Leong	9/26/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News			<p>The segment "Women Make Movies Presents 'A Woman on the Outside' Panel Discussion, Caring Collaborators: What Social Workers Can Learn from Families Impacted by Incarceration" addresses the conflicts deriving from the isolation of inmates from their families.</p>	<p>https://youtu.be/gf00C8Qer8U</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment aired on automation computer.</p>
							<p>WZRD News 9/21/2023</p> <p>Illinois Discontinues Statewide Testing of Freshwater Fish for Organochlorine Pesticides</p> <p>Low levels of pesticides in state fish population demonstrate effectiveness of environmental regulations</p> <p>SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), in conjunction with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Department of Agriculture, has announced the discontinuation of statewide testing for organochlorine pesticides, such as DDT, in fish from Illinois lakes and rivers.</p> <p>Organochlorine pesticides, including DDT and other similar chemicals, have been banned for decades, but the state had tested for them since 1974 because they are "environmentally persistent" and can build up in the tissue of fish and other animals.</p> <p>But the levels of these pesticides found through that testing has diminished to near zero over the past nearly 50 years, allowing the state to discontinue testing for those chemicals.</p> <p>Testing for other contaminants in fish, including methylmercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), will not be affected by these changes.</p> <p>Illinois EPA Director John J. Kim said, "Data clearly shows that these organochlorine pesticides are no longer prevalent in our waters or the fish that live in those waters, which is a testament to the achievements made through the Clean Water Act."</p> <p>In the early 1970s, the state implemented the Illinois Fish Contaminant Monitoring Program, a protocol of testing fish from the state's lakes, rivers, and streams.</p> <p>Lake Michigan is sampled annually, with samples drawn from rivers and large streams every five years, along with periodic testing of other public lakes.</p> <p>The testing measures whether fish samples contain pesticides, metals, or other dangerous chemicals at a level that would render them unsafe to eat.</p> <p>In its early days, testing from state waterways indicated concerning levels of DDT, chlordane, and dieldrin in bottom feeding fish such as carp and catfish. Levels of chlordane were detected at rates making the fish unsafe to eat until the mid-1970s. DDT was found at unsafe levels until the early 1980s.</p> <p>Dieldrin, another organochlorine pesticide, was detected in levels deemed to be unsafe to eat as recently as the early 1990s. Since then, however, the pesticides are no longer found in unsafe amounts.</p> <p>With those chemicals no longer in use, continuation of the testing program for those pesticides is no longer necessary, saving both time and money.</p> <p>Fish consumption advisories are issued annually by IDPH when certain chemicals are found in fish at levels that make it advisable to limit consumption of those fish. Advisories and associated resources can be found at the IDPH Fish Advisories website.</p> <p>Source: State of Illinois, September 18, 2023.</p>				
1/6/2024 8:42:58	Trudy Leong	9/21/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News		<p>The segment "Illinois Discontinues Statewide Testing of Freshwater Fish for Organochlorine Pesticides" reports on resolving the conflict between organochlorine pesticides and Illinois lakes and rivers.</p>	<p>https://youtu.be/d_gfPh0bNAk</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment aired on automation computer.</p>	
							<p>WZRD News 9/20/2023</p> <p>US suicide deaths reached record high in 2022, CDC data shows</p> <p>By Kanishka Singh</p> <p>August 10, 2023 8:04 PM CDT Updated a month ago</p> <p>WASHINGTON, Aug 10 (Reuters) - The number of people who died by suicide in the U.S. hit an estimated record 49,000 in 2022, a 2.6% increase over the prior year, government data showed on August 10, 2023.</p> <p>Over half of all U.S. suicides in 2022 involved firearms, according to figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).</p> <p>"Nine in 10 Americans believe America is facing a mental health crisis. The new suicide death data reported by CDC illustrates why," U.S. Health Secretary Xavier Becerra said in a statement.</p> <p>He added that many people still believe that asking for help is a sign of weakness.</p> <p>The suicide rate in 2022 — 14.9 deaths for every 100,000 people — is 9% higher than the previous record high of 14.2 deaths for every 100,000 people from 2016.</p> <p>Suicide deaths rose from 48,183 in 2021 to an estimated 49,449 deaths in 2022, CDC said.</p> <p>Reporting by Kanishka Singh in Washington; Editing by Cynthia Osterman</p> <p>Source: Reuters, August 10, 2023.</p>				
1/6/2024 8:46:16	Trudy Leong	9/20/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News		<p>The segment "US suicide deaths reached record high in 2022, CDC data shows" is relevant to the conflicts deriving from suicide.</p>	<p>https://youtu.be/n0Xp5TTEck</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment aired on automation computer.</p>	
							<p>WZRD News 9/19/2023</p> <p>Illinois Families for Public Schools: Vouchers—An Attack on Public Schools!</p> <p>Legislators will head back to Springfield on October 24th, 2023, for Veto Session, and they must make a decision about the future of the State of Illinois voucher program before the end of the 2023 calendar year.</p> <p>Public school supporters around the state are working to make the public case that Illinois' interest in kids voucher program funds discrimination, hurts children, violates the Establishment Clause and will crush our state's ability to ever adequately fund our public school system if kept as public policy.</p> <p>People who have been talking to their state reps and senators report that many legislators think it is ok to continue using public dollars to pay for kids to attend private schools—schools that teach creationist science and Lost Cause Civil War history; force students to work off their tuition costs, and discriminate massively against nearly every protected class of student, staff and families.</p> <p>These legislators are seemingly more concerned about subsidizing wealthy donors' financial support for private schools' bottom lines than the short-term finances and long-term survival of the bedrock of democracy in Illinois: our public schools.</p> <p>For more information, please reach out to the Illinois Families for Public Schools at info@ifps.org.</p> <p>Source: Illinois Families for Public Schools, September 12, 2023.</p>				
1/6/2024 8:49:10	Trudy Leong	9/19/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News		<p>The segment "Illinois Families for Public Schools: Vouchers—An Attack on Public Schools" reflects the conflict between public schools and charter schools.</p>	<p>https://youtu.be/RN9HfERDhUk</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment aired on automation computer.</p>	

							<p>VZRD News 9/15/2023</p> <p>States are weakening their child labor restrictions nearly 8 decades after the US government took kids out of the workforce</p> <p>Published: June 26, 2023 8:22am EDT Authors: John A. Filter Associate Professor of Political Science, Kansas State University Betsy Wood Assistant Professor of American History, Bard College</p> <p>A movement to weaken American child labor protections at the state level began in 2022. By June 2023, Arkansas, Iowa, New Jersey and New Hampshire had enacted this kind of legislation, and lawmakers in at least another eight states had introduced similar measures.</p> <p>The laws generally make it easier for kids from 14 to 17 years old to work longer and later – and in occupations that were previously off-limits for minors.</p> <p>Scholars of child labor find the arguments politicians are using today to justify undoing child labor protections echo older justifications made decades ago.</p> <p>Many conservatives and business leaders have long argued that federal child labor rules are not necessary. Some object to the government determining who cannot work. Cultural conservatives say working has moral value for young people and that parents should make decisions for their children. Many conservatives say that teens could help fill empty jobs in tight labor markets.</p> <p>Opponents of child labor observe that when kids under 18 work long hours or do strenuous jobs, it can disrupt childhood development, interfere with their schooling, and deprive them of the sleep they need. Expanding child labor can encourage kids to drop out of school and jeopardize young people's health through injuries and work-related illnesses.</p> <p>Child labor protections, such as making many kinds of employment for children under 14 illegal and restricting the hours that teens under 18 can spend working, are guaranteed by the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. U.S. law also does not treat 16- and 17-year-olds as adults. The federal government deems many occupations to be too hazardous for anyone under 18.</p> <p>Until that law took effect, the lack of a federal standard always obstructed progress in the states toward keeping kids in school and out of mines, factories and other sometimes hazardous workplaces.</p> <p>Both federal and state laws govern the employment of minors, and all states have compulsory school attendance laws. Federal laws set a floor of regulations in youth employment that cover maximum hours, minimum ages, wages, and protections from hazardous jobs.</p> <p>If states pass tougher laws, the stricter standards govern workplace practices. School attendance requirements vary by state, but once someone turns 18, they are no longer covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act's restrictions.</p> <p>Federal law does not require minors to obtain work permits or employment certificates, but most states mandate such documentation.</p> <p>With the exception of New Jersey, these efforts to weaken child labor laws are being led by Republicans.</p> <p>Democrats in Colorado introduced a bill that would allow injured children to sue employers for child labor violations. Gov. Jared Polis signed it into law on June 7, 2023.</p> <p>Having child labor laws on the books at both the federal and state levels is only half the battle. Enforcement is another matter. Many violations in recent years have involved children who immigrated to the United States without their parents, only to wind up working long hours, sometimes in dangerous jobs, if young age.</p> <p>Source: The Conversation, June 26, 2023.</p>			
16/2024 8:53:49	Trudy Leong	9/15/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>The segment "States are weakening their child labor restrictions nearly 8 decades after the US government took kids out of the workforce" reports on the conflict between federal child labor laws and states.</p>	<p>https://reconversion.com/states-are-weakening-their-child-labor-restrictions-nearly-8-decades-after-the-us-government-took-kids-out-of-the-workforce-2023/</p> <p>https://youtu.be/roESLMYc_ZQ</p>	Prerecorded segment aired on automation computer.	
							<p>VZRD News 9/14/2023</p> <p>Evergreen Park residents baffled by bug infestation</p> <p>BY MARYBEL GONZALEZ SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 / 10:15 PM / CBS CHICAGO</p> <p>EVERGREEN PARK, Ill. (CBS) — A mysterious swarm of insects was bugging Chicago area residents over the September 9th and 10th weekend.</p> <p>Dozens of the residents took to social media to ask neighbors what they were.</p> <p>"I was surprised to see that they were kind of everywhere," said resident Lee Harwig. In Evergreen Park, social media groups were filled with pictures of tiny, black, and winged insects swarming porches and patios. Piles of them were on the street.</p> <p>Harwig said, "As soon as I looked out the backdoor, that's all I could see back here." Harwig was one of the residents bugged by the infestation. It was her dogs who first alerted her to the swarms.</p> <p>"When I let them back in, I noticed there were bugs on both of them," she said. "So I grabbed paper towels and started smooching them."</p> <p>Her pool was clear on Monday, but some of the bugs were still floating on the edges.</p> <p>CBS 2 took some photos to University of Illinois entomologist Chris Dietrich.</p> <p>"I can't see quite enough detail from these photos to tell for sure what they are," said Dietrich. But he did have some theories based on the time of year.</p> <p>"There are soybean aphids that migrate out of the soybean field," Dietrich said. "They're wingless as they don't fly, but towards the end of the season, they develop a wing form." But they could also be gnats. There are different types that live in the Chicago area.</p> <p>"They can be quite abundant at different times of year," Dietrich said.</p> <p>The other possibility? Ants.</p> <p>"There are lots of different bugs out there, and they aren't easy to predict," he said. "Especially when you have swarms in the weather like we've had."</p> <p>The good news is while they might be annoying, they are pretty harmless and probably will not be buzzing round too much longer.</p> <p>"It's really something we just have to deal with," said Dietrich. "Fortunately, these kinds of swarms only last for a few days."</p> <p>Source: CBS2 News Chicago, September 11, 2023.</p>			
16/2024 8:58:03	Trudy Leong	9/14/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>The segment "Evergreen Park residents baffled by bug infestation" is relevant to conflicts between people and insects.</p>	<p>www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/evergreen-park-bug-infestation</p> <p>https://youtu.be/DU-5EXu4LdA</p>	Prerecorded segment aired on automation computer.	
							<p>VZRD News 9/13/2023</p> <p>What the Fight Against Classroom Censorship is Really About</p> <p>Leah Watson, Senior Staff Attorney, ACLU's Racial Justice Program September 7, 2023</p> <p>The ACLU is leading the fight to end classroom censorship and protect the right to learn by filing the first case in the country to challenge a law that censored instruction about systemic racism and sexism in Oklahoma, surviving a motion to dismiss in New Hampshire, and obtaining an injunction to block the State of Florida from enforcing the higher education provisions of the Stop W.O.K.E. Act.</p> <p>Efforts to silence discussions about race also invalidate the lived experiences of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color BIPOC students. Leah Watson, former high school teacher and ACLU lawyer, said, "Instruction about racism and sexism...equips students to process the world around them and to live in a multicultural society."</p> <p>The push for classroom censorship ignited as backlash to progress towards racial justice following the protests in 2020 sparked by the murder of George Floyd. To curtail efforts to expand instruction and materials about justice and our discriminatory history, 45 states introduced bills to limit instruction about racism and sexism. These bills passed in 17 states. By January 2022, 38 percent of all primary and secondary (K-12) students, or 17.7 million students, attended school in districts that experienced some form of a local campaign to end "critical race theory" in classrooms.</p> <p>To date, almost 700 efforts to exclude "critical race theory" have been identified at the local, state, and federal levels. In 2022, nearly 40 percent of classroom censorship bills targeted higher education.</p> <p>In a 2022 study, 87 percent of parents agreed that "lessons about the history of racism prepare children to build a better future for everyone as opposed to feeling that lessons about racism are harmful to children." Another study from 2021 found that more than 70 percent of Americans agreed that high schools should teach the impacts of slavery (78 percent) and racism (73 percent).</p> <p>All forms of race-conscious instruction have been erased from classrooms, despite their documented benefits for students. This includes instruction about racism and discrimination (distinct from critical race theory) and culturally-relevant teaching techniques designed to build upon students' lived experiences.</p> <p>Educators report that they have restricted classroom discussions, curriculum, or content as a result of the laws, despite a desire from students to learn about censored topics. They described a culture of fear and intimidation in schools, marked by constant surveillance, scrutiny and second-guessing.</p> <p>In accordance with Florida's Stop W.O.K.E. Act, which prohibits instruction on systemic racism and sexism, the Florida State Board of Education introduced African-American history standards that rewrite and whitewash history.</p> <p>These standards require teachers to instruct students that enslaved people developed skills that could be used for their personal benefit. Itame enslaved people for violence during massacres, and misrepresent the role of the Founding Fathers in perpetuating slavery.</p> <p>Judge Mark Walker, who heard the case in the Northern District of Florida, described the Stop W.O.K.E. Act as "positively dystopian" because it limits instruction to the viewpoints approved by the State, regardless of truth.</p> <p>Source: ACLU, September 7, 2023.</p>			
16/2024 9:04:55	Trudy Leong	9/13/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>The segment "What the Fight Against Classroom Censorship is Really About" reports on the conflicts deriving from classroom censorship.</p>	<p>www.aclu.org/news/free-speech/what-the-fight-against-classroom-censorship-is-really-about</p> <p>https://youtu.be/vcmXta9nzM</p>	Prerecorded segment aired on automation computer.	
							<p>VZRD News 9/12/2023</p> <p>Gift cards are convenient, and you don't have to worry about the size. However, they are a perfect fit for scammers.</p> <p>According to a Better Business Bureau BBB study, payment by gift card is a common thread among many scams, including government impersonators, business email compromise frauds, tech support frauds, romance scams, fake check scams, prize, and sweepstakes scams.</p> <p>If you are asked to make payment via gift card for whatever reason, you almost certainly are dealing with a scam.</p> <p>Gift cards do not carry the same protections as credit or debit cards, so funds spent on gift cards are funds you cannot get back.</p> <p>There are red flags that signal a scam. Government agencies do not demand payment by gift card.</p> <p>When challenged, the scammer will claim that paying by gift card is the safest choice.</p> <p>Source: WBMM NEWSRADIO 780 AM & 106.9 FM, September 8, 2023.</p>			
16/2024 9:08:39	Trudy Leong	9/12/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>The segment "Gift cards are convenient, and you don't have to worry about the size. However, they are a perfect fit for scammers." reports on the issues and conflicts deriving from gift card scams.</p>	<p>www.audacy.com/wbmm780/news/local/rip-off-to-the-rip-off-how-gift-cards-are-used-to-scam</p> <p>https://youtu.be/6L3GZJZTU</p>	Prerecorded segment aired on automation computer.	

							<p>WZRD News 9/8/2023</p> <p>Angel Shots: Protecting Customers from Sexual Assault</p> <p>When someone orders an "Angel Shot," though it sounds like a drink order, angel shots are not drinks at all – they are a discreet cry for help.</p> <p>These orders are usually requested in the presence of someone else who puts the customer in a dangerous position or makes the customer feel uncomfortable.</p> <p>Customers can get help who are at risk of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trafficking Sexual assault Abduction Physical assault Or any other possible threats <p>Regardless of age, race, gender, intoxication level, or any other factors, an angel shot indicates that the customer feels unsafe and needs help removing themselves from the situation.</p> <p>Things do not need to seem escalated or heated for an angel shot to be ordered. It is the bartender's responsibility to take the words "angel shot" seriously, regardless of how the situation seems.</p> <p>If you are wondering whether or not to order an angel shot and if someone makes you feel unsafe in any way, you should put your safety first and ask for help.</p> <p>Depending on the type of assistance needed, some people who order an angel shot may use various additional terms to indicate what they need from the bartender.</p> <p>Here are the other terms people may use and what they may mean:</p> <p>Straight Up or Neat – The customer is requesting an escort to their car</p> <p>On Ice or On the Rocks – The customer is asking the bartender to arrange for a taxi or otherwise vehicle delivery</p> <p>With a Twist/Lemon/Lime – The customer believes they are in immediate danger and requests that the police be called</p> <p>When a customer orders an angel shot, it is the responsibility of the bartender to believe they are in an unsafe situation. Some customers may be smiling and seem in good humor or even appear to be joking to make the situation seem normal and not alarm the potential threat. If someone orders an angel shot, bartenders should take immediate action and may do any of the following:</p> <p>Alert the authorities Order a ride for the requester Distract the person or group of people away from the ordering customer Escort the customer to their vehicle</p> <p>If a customer orders an angel shot without further directions, you need to choose how to handle the situation. You can ask the customer how they like their shot. They may reply "with lime" or another variation. This indicates the level of help they need.</p> <p>Most bartenders will serve a customer a shot glass or drink with water, juice, or soda while waiting on authorities to arrive or until they have a chance to escort someone to their ride. This makes the appearance that the person ordered a drink and will not alert the potential abuser to take action and remove them from the situation.</p> <p>Some customers may understand the concept of an angel shot without knowing or remembering how to request their specific needs in the order. It is best to smile and appear to accept the order. Look for a way to get the person alone to ask them what they need. If you cannot find a way to speak to the person, alert the authorities.</p> <p>As a bartender, the safety of a customer comes above everything else. Taking the appropriate action when someone uses the term "angel shot" could save their life.</p> <p>Source: GetTps.com</p>		
16/2024 9:15:14	Trudy Leong	9/8/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>The segment "Angel Shots: Protecting Customers from Sexual Assault" reports on addressing the conflicts between bar customers and their abusers.</p> <p>Source: GetTps.com</p>	<p>www.gettps.com/blog/angel-shots</p> <p>https://youtu.be/B1NUNUq3c3w</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment and on automation computer.</p>
							<p>WZRD News 9/7/2023</p> <p>9 free things you can get with a Chicago Public Library card</p> <p>A library card can get you much more than just books.</p> <p>Jeffrey Mai</p> <p>Thursday August 3, 2023</p> <p>We all know a Chicago Public Library card gets you an endless supply of books (and the occasional movie). But the perks do not stop there. Cardholders can save hundreds, and even thousands, of dollars by taking advantage of programs and services offered to all.</p> <p>Digital museum passes</p> <p>Chicago has a wealth of world-class museums, and you can explore many of them for free with a library card. You can now reserve a pass for a specific date online. Attractions include the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago Botanic Garden, Chicago History Museum, Field Museum, Museum of Science and Industry and Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago. Most offers also do not require a child to be in the group.</p> <p>eBooks, audiobooks and digital magazines</p> <p>A library card not only provides you with paperback books to read, but access to a large selection of eBooks, audiobooks, digital comics, movies, music, and magazines through hoopla, OverDrive and Flipster. The services can be used on a variety of devices.</p> <p>YO!media Chicago</p> <p>This youth learning space that focuses on digital media and the maker movement is available at 28 different Chicago Public Library locations. Teens can hang out and create music, video, photos, 2D and 3D projects and more using laptops, cameras and other tech. It is a dynamic environment designed to help students develop their skills in STEM, with guidance from mentors.</p> <p>CDs and vinyl</p> <p>In addition to movies, you can check out CDs and even vinyl to spin on your turntable.</p> <p>Maker Lab</p> <p>Located on the third floor of Harold Washington Library Center, Maker Lab is a public space that offers introductory workshops and an open shop for personal projects. You can use equipment like sewing and knitting machines, 3D printers and laser cutters, as well as design software.</p> <p>Digital newspaper archives</p> <p>With a library card, you can access the full texts of all articles from Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun Times, with archives that span back decades. You can also read stories from the New York Times and Wall Street Journal.</p> <p>Music practice rooms</p> <p>For musicians, the eighth floor of the Harold Washington Library Center has a chamber rehearsal room, which contains a baby grand piano and can accommodate three-to-ten people. There are also six practice rooms equipped with upright pianos that fit up to three people. All rooms can be reserved online.</p> <p>Printing</p> <p>Upload or email your documents and have them printed at a local library. It is 15 cents per page for a single-sided print, and 25 cents per page for a double-sided print, but the first \$1.50 in printing is free.</p> <p>Wi-Fi hotspot</p> <p>Enjoy free internet on the go by checking out a Wi-Fi hotspot from select libraries.</p> <p>Source: Timeout Chicago, August 3, 2023.</p>		
16/2024 9:20:43	Trudy Leong	9/7/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News	<p>The segment "9 free things you can get with a Chicago Public Library card" addresses resolving conflicts from the expense of resources.</p> <p>Source: Timeout Chicago, August 3, 2023.</p>	<p>www.timeout.com/chicago/attractions/9-free-things-you-can-get-with-a-chicago-public-library-card</p> <p>https://youtu.be/zDDNhGTA50</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment and on automation computer.</p>
							<p>WZRD News 9/6/2023</p> <p>Civic Reporting Fellowship</p> <p>If you are a strong writer and chronically inquisitive person who wants a hands-on learning experience in community-engaged, civic journalism, the Civic Reporting Fellowship opportunity is for you.</p> <p>City Bureau Civic Reporting Fellows typically have a demonstrated interest in journalism and civic issues (i.e. community organizing, civic engagement, policy, etc.) through personal projects, previous trainings/school, internships, etc. No professional experience is required.</p> <p>Journalists specializing in any medium may apply to be Reporting Fellows, but please note that the program focuses on growing fellow's reporting book, writing and engagement skills.</p> <p>Special consideration will be given to applicants who have worked closely with South and West Side communities. Applicants must be living in or around Chicago to participate.</p> <p>Due to the demands of the fellowship, we do not recommend full-time students apply for this position. On rare occasions we make exceptions for students who can demonstrate their ability to manage multiple time obligations well.</p> <p>Reporters will commit to 15 hours of work per week for 16 weeks and will be paid a \$6,000 stipend in 2-week increments. The weekly time requirements include:</p> <p>Mondays, 6 to 8 p.m. — Virtual learning session</p> <p>Wednesdays, 6 to 9 p.m. — In-person workshop sessions at City Bureau's Bronzeville office, dinner included</p> <p>Weekly two-hour meeting with your team — Time and location to be determined by your team</p> <p>Eight additional hours per week (flexible based on your own schedule) of reporting/research/writing/editing and communicating with your reporting team</p> <p>Fellows can miss up to four required sessions during their 16 weeks; however, they will be asked to make up their time commitment during adjacent weeks.</p> <p>For any questions regarding the expectations or your application, please email fellowship@citybureau.org.</p>		
16/2024 18:34:09	Trudy Leong	9/6/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Student debt [1]	News	<p>The segment "Civic Reporting Fellowship" is an opportunity for journalistic instruction and experience, receive a stipend, while not incurring any student debt.</p>	<p>www.citybureau.org/fellowship-application</p> <p>https://youtu.be/9jggt1aJk8</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment and on automation computer.</p>

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1/6/2024 19:05:32	Trudy Leong	9/5/2023	8:59:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	Conflicts	News					<p>The segment "OSHA Enforcement Suspended" reports on the conflict between Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) enforcement and quorum of a little known and tiny federal agency called the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (OSHRC), which lost its quorum and can no longer conduct any official business. "The OSHRC issues orders that enforce OSHA citations that have been contested."</p>	<p>www.corporatecrimereporter.com/news/200/osha-enforcement-suspended</p> <p>https://youtu.be/9QIM1t1c1A</p> <p>www.KaRaZen.com</p>	<p>Pre-recorded segment and on automation computer.</p>
1/7/2024 7:05:43	Trudy Leong	1/1/2024	10:01:00 AM	10:53:00 AM	Conflicts	Gen					<p>WZRD Interview 1/1/2024, 10 AM</p> <p>Spoken word artist Kao Ra Zen discussed art and music exhibitions in Wicker Park and Englewood, battle rapping, Non Otonari's commission of men for LPGA, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, working with Marianne Buchwald and other artists in the U. S. and in Europe, teaching, the origin of his stage name "Kao Ra Zen," and more.</p>	<p>www.linkedin.com/in/kenya-fulton/</p> <p>www.facebook.com/events/298219599792992</p> <p>www.noonopera.org/WP2/voices/ka</p> <p>https://youtu.be/UL_gkLbc3Eo</p>	<p>Recorded on Zoom and aired interview live, using CRPC, Studio A computer, and the soundboard.</p>
1/10/2024 3:49:51	Mark Hughes	10/15/2023	9:00:00 AM	12:00:00 AM	Palestine/Israel conflict	Gen					<p>Given what's been happening in Israel. This past week I thought it would be important to reflect on how we got there, but more importantly focusing on peace and bringing us together.</p>	<p>https://youtu.be/UL_gkLbc3Eo</p> <p>Youtube - The rise of Hamas</p> <p>Youtube - How Israel stole Palestine</p> <p>Youtube - Israel Palestine Conflict Explained</p>	<p>recorded on station equipment</p>
1/10/2024 4:07:24	Rafael Gomez	10/13/2023	6:20:00 AM	6:30:00 AM	War / Foreign news	News					<p>Live Audio from AP news on youtube of shelling with me reading the article over it. Disclaimer was given beforehand.</p>	<p>Common dreams.com, Jake Johnson, oct 13, 2023 "this is not what fighting Hamas looks like: Israel orders all of Northern Gaza to evacuate."</p>	<p>Recorded using Audacity and saved onto my external.</p>
1/10/2024 4:36:39	Cathleen Schaudelmeir Bartels	10/7/2023	11:30:00 AM	12:15:00 PM	Educational Support: The 40th Chicago International Children's film festival	Gen					<p>Interview with Diedre Searcy, Program director of the 40th CICIFF, a graduate of NW university, she helped to organize and reach out to target audiences in the Hispanic (Legan SA) and black (Westside) communities through programming that inspires grit, critical thinking and audience engagement.</p>	<p>It is relevant because CICIFF is all about making a difference in the world through media literacy education</p>	<p>Elac and CD, as well as FB live</p>

[1] Responder updated this value.