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10/01/23 Illinois In Focus- Greg Bishop has the top stories this week, the hearing took place not in Washington D.C., but at the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police hall. Testifying was Gianni Caldwell, a Fox News contributor and someone whose teenage brother was shot and killed in Chicago. He said with the end of cash bail and do-not-chase policies, criminals feel emboldened turning The Windy City into Gotham City. Chicago is savable, but he said residents have to make adjustments. (26:00)

This week's top news and commentary, where the end of the cash bail and the do not chase policies hit Chicago, and more

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10/08/23 Illinois In Focus- Greg Bishop has the top stories this week, as non-citizens continue to arrive in Chicago, many have been stuck at O'Hare Airport while awaiting housing. One mutual aid volunteer says even more soon will be without more shelter options. Chicago has seen more than 15,000 migrants from the southern border arrive over the past 12 months. Many of the migrants have traveled from communities in Texas, where resources are stretched thin because of the continued influx of border crossers. In response, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker's office said Friday the state has contributed \$328 million overall to support asylum seekers to date. (26:00)

This week's top news and commentary, where non citizens continue to arrive to Chicago, with some being stuck at the airport while waiting on housing, and more

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10/15/23 Illinois In Focus- Greg Bishop has the top stories this week, a federal judge who once ruled plaintiffs challenging Illinois' gun and magazine ban may be able to prove their case now has the option of striking the law down based on the merits. Illinois' ban on more than 170 semi-automatic rifles, shotguns and pistols was enacted on Jan. 10. The law also bans the sale and possession of handgun magazines over 15 rounds and rifle magazines over 10 rounds. Firearms owners with such guns purchased before Jan. 10 have until Jan. 1, 2024 to register their firearms, attachments and .50 caliber ammunition, or face potential criminal penalties. (26:00)

This week's top news and commentary, where more info comes out on the possible change on the gun and magazine ban in Illinois, and more

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10/22/23 Illinois In Focus- Greg Bishop has the top stories this week, with just four months into the fiscal year, Illinois' Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors program will suspend accepting new enrollees starting Nov. 6, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services said Thursday. In 2020, Illinois began subsidizing the health care of non-citizens in the state over the age of 65, estimating the cost to be \$1.8 million. Two years later, the state started offering the taxpayer subsidized benefit to non-citizens over the age of 42. (26:00)

This week's top news and commentary, where the Immigrant seniors program will suspend accepting new enrollees as of November 6th, and more

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10/29/23 Illinois In Focus- Greg Bishop has the top stories this week, as members of each party lay out their priorities with the start of fall veto session at the Illinois statehouse, scores of school kids benefiting from the soon-to-expire Invest in Kids school choice scholarship program were on the scene. But to start the session, House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch, D-Hillside, advanced a measure out of committee to allow statehouse staffers to unionize. “The way this bill is written, there will be no bargaining over calendars and schedules and how the legislature will operate,” Welch told the committee. “And we have a no strike provision.” (26:00)

This week’s top news and commentary, where the fall session begin at the Illinois statehouse, plus scores of school children benefiting form the Invest in Kids scholarship program, and more

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11/05/23 Illinois In Focus- Greg Bishop has the top stories this week, a full month into Illinois’ gun ban registry and about 2,400 individuals have disclosed they own at least one banned firearm, attachment or some prohibited ammunition. Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly says it’s “been slow, but steady.” For the registry that opened Oct. 1, Illinois State Police report 2,430 individuals disclosed possessing nearly 4,600 banned firearms, around 2,400 banned attachments and 44 disclosures of possessing banned .50 caliber ammunition. (26:00)

This week’s top news and commentary, where even after a month into Illinois’ gun ban registry, more and more people claim that they still own at least one banned firearm, with officials saying it is going slow and steady, and more

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11/12/23 Illinois In Focus- Greg Bishop has the top stories this week, with the end of the fall veto session, Illinois’ Invest in Kids school choice scholarship program benefiting around 9,600 students will come to a close. Despite families for months lobbying to extend the privately funded program beyond the Dec. 31 sunset, legislators didn’t advance any such measure. Republicans were critical of Democrats they say caved to the teachers’ unions who opposed the program. But, before adjourning, state Rep. Kevin Olickal, D-Skokie, said he’ll continue to fight. (26:00)

This week’s top news and commentary, where the end of the fall veto session coming to an end, plus over 9,600 students will be given scholarships for the Invest in Kids school choice program, and more

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11/19/23 Illinois In Focus- Greg Bishop has the top stories this week, where prosecutors are seeking life sentences for four former Commonwealth Edison leaders convicted of conspiring to bribe former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, a defense attorney said Wednesday. A federal judge on Wednesday denied a request from defense attorneys to delay sentencing. Defense attorneys had asked for more time to deal with what they said were complex issues regarding sentencing guidelines. At a hearing Wednesday, defense attorney Patrick Cotter said prosecutors would be seeking life sentences for the defendants. (26:00)

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11/26/23 Illinois In Focus- Greg Bishop has the top stories this week. Thanksgiving dinner shoppers will get a bit of a break in the pocketbook this year. Illinois shoppers participating in the annual American Farm Bureau Federation's (AFBF) Thanksgiving Cost Survey reported the average cost of a traditional Thanksgiving meal is down slightly compared to last year. Illinois Farm Bureau volunteer shoppers reported a state-wide average price of \$63.87 for a classic holiday feast for 10, or around \$6.39 per person. That is a decrease from the previous year's record-high of \$64.05. (26:00)

This week's top news and commentary, where Thanksgiving shoppers will have a break from spending, after the AFBF Thanksgiving Survey showed that the meals cost down from last year, more

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12/03/23 Illinois In Focus- Greg Bishop has the top stories this week. The U.S. Supreme Court now has another challenge against Illinois' gun ban on its docket. Illinois on Jan. 10 banned the possession and sale of more than 170 semi-automatic firearms and magazines over certain capacities. A week later, lawsuits started to be filed challenging the constitutionality of the law. Cases are still pending in the district, appeals courts and now the U.S. Supreme Court. Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court docketed a case out of Naperville where plaintiffs challenged the city's and state's gun and magazine ban. Plaintiffs are seeking an emergency appeal of the Seventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals three-judge panel ruling for the state. (26:00)

This week's top news and commentary, where another challenge goes against the Illinois gun ban that's coming up soon, to go along with the January 10th ban of over 170 semi-automatic firearms, and more

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12/10/23 Illinois In Focus- Greg Bishop has the top stories this week. With the Jan. 1 deadline to register banned firearms approaching, Illinois has responded to a challenge of its gun and magazine ban in the U.S. Supreme Court. Meanwhile, a separate gun ban challenge at the nation's high court has been forwarded to the full court's conference next month. Illinois enacted a ban on more than 170 semi-automatic firearms and magazines over certain capacities on Jan. 10. The law also requires those with grandfathered firearms now banned to register them with Illinois State Police by Jan. 1. Failure to comply could lead to felony charges. ISP's second notice emergency rules for the registry were filed this week to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. (26:00)

This week's top news and commentary, where January 1st is the deadline to register your banned firearms, while the challenge against the ban approaches next month in court, and more

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12/17/23 Illinois In Focus- Greg Bishop has the top stories this week. Gov. J.B. Pritzker has already signed a law to allow certain non-citizens to become police officers in Illinois. Now, the state's two U.S. senators want the same for the U.S. military. Many Republicans are opposed to the idea. House Bill 3751, allowing certain non-citizens with work permits or who are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival recipients to be police officers, passed the Illinois General Assembly with bipartisan support during the spring session. The measure had the backing of the Fraternal Order of Police. (26:00)

This week's top news and commentary, where Governor JB Pritzker signed into law where non citizens can become police officers in Illinois, and more

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12/24/23 Illinois In Focus- Greg Bishop has the top stories this week. A federal judge wants to see all parties in his courtroom when he considers a motion to stay proceedings in the state's most high-profile corruption case. U.S. District Court Judge John Robert Blakey issued an order Wednesday for former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan to appear in court along with co-defendant Michael McClain, a former state lawmaker and close confidante of Madigan. The judge will consider the defendant's joint motion to stay proceedings at a hearing at 2 p.m. on Jan. 3 in Courtroom 1203. (26:00)

This week's top news and commentary, where the state's most high profile corruption case continues in front of a federal judge, and more

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12/31/23 Illinois In Focus- Greg Bishop has the top stories this week. With courts denying requests to delay the Jan. 1 deadline for Illinois gun owners to register now banned firearms with the state, lawsuits against the gun ban will continue in the new year. (26:00)

This week's top news and commentary, where lawsuits continue to pile up by the gun owners, and more

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