

Bold Promises to End Poverty

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Day 2: Extra Topic Articles

Housing

- A. [“IL Made A Bold Promise. in Alexander County It’s Hard to Tell”](#) - Pulitzer, by Julia Rendleman, Molly Parker, Lylee Gibbs, and Jamilah Lewis (6p+, 4 pics)
- B. [“Why Tearing Down Englewood to Save It Hasn’t Worked”](#) - BlockClub Chi, by Manny Ramos (5p+, 4 sets of pics)
OR
[“Ald. Jeanette Taylor Waited Decades For A Section 8 Apartment. It Took So Long. She No Longer Needs One.”](#) - BlockClub Chi, by Maxwell Evans

Food Deserts

- A. [“The Government Spends Millions To Open Grocery Stores in Food Deserts. The Real Test is Their Survival.”](#) - Pulitzer, by Molly Parker and Julia Rendleman (12p, 11 pics)
- B. [“West Garfield Park Is No Longer A Food Desert After Save A Lot Grocery Store Reopens”](#) - BlockClub Chi, by Atavia Reed (4.5p, 9 pics)
OR
[“South Side Food Desert Still Waiting On Grocery Store After Developers Snagged \\$5 Million City Grant”](#) - BlockClub Chi, by Maxwell Evans
OR
[“6 Save A Lot Grocery Stores Could Reopen This Fall After Months Of Delays”](#) - BlockClub Chi, by Atavia Reed

Politicians

- A. [“Shaped By Faith: A Young Cairo Councilman’s Coming of Age”](#) - Pulitzer, by Lylee Gibbs and Ryan Grieser, (5p, 1 pic)
- B. [“William Hall, A Lifelong Chatham Resident And Pastor, Is Ready To Begin A ‘New Chapter’ In The 6th Ward”](#) - BlockClub Chi, by Atavia Reed (4.5p, 4 pics)

Childcare

- A. [“All Our Future Money Is Gone”: The Impossible Task of Providing Child Care in Rural Illinois”](#) - Pulitzer, by Molly Parker and Julia Rendleman (10+p, 8 sets of pics)
- B. [“Maternity Care Deserts On South And West Sides See Higher Infant, Maternal Death Rates”](#) - BlockClub Chi, by Atavia Reed and Jamie Nesbitt Golden (4.5p, 2 pics)
OR
[“Child Care Workers, Parents and Supporters Raise the Alarm about the Child Care Crisis and Share a Vision for a Better Future.”](#)
OR
[“An Unstable Foundation”](#) (12 page packet on the state of childcare in Chicago)

Incarceration Impact

- A. [“Illinois Banned Life Sentences for Young Offenders—but Not for Those Already Behind Bars”](#) - Pulitzer, by Molly Parker, Julia Rendleman, and Ethan Holder
- B. [“35 Years After Wrongful Conviction, Englewood’s Brian Beals Is Getting His Life Back”](#) - BlockClub Chi, by Atavia Reed
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[“With Legal Weed, South Side Neighborhoods Hurt By War On Drugs Will Get Economic Boost. Officials Say: ‘This Is Reparations.’”](#) - BlockClub Chi, by Jamie Nesbitt Golden

OR

[Chicago's Million Dollar Blocks](#) - website exploring incarceration's impact on Chicago

Jobs

- A. [“Rice and River: A Family’s Approach to the Changing Agricultural Landscape”](#) - Pulitzer, by Lylee Gibbs
 - B. [“How Chicago’s Black Steelworkers Struggled, Thrived And Survived The Industry’s Rise And Fall”](#) - BlockClub Chi, by Maxwell Evans
- OR
- [“Englewood Residents Demand Jobs, Community Improvements As Norfolk Southern Railway Expands Into Neighborhood”](#) - BlockClub Chi, by Atavia Reed