Former Loretto Hospital Exec Charged With Embezzling $500K During COVID Crisis

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Two Loretto executives worked together to steal nearly $500,000 from the safety-net hospital, which is meant to serve the poorest Chicagoans, according to a criminal complaint.

State Officials Sued for Allowing
The lawsuit against the Department of Children and Family Services officials comes after an investigation by the Illinois Answers Project found that the problem was only getting worse.

Feds Probing Massive State Contract that Failed Foster Kids with Inadequate Health Care

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An investigation by the Illinois Answers Project found that insurance giant Centene Corp. routinely fell short in providing basic care. Federal officials now want answers from the two state agencies overseeing the program.

Insurance Giant Failed Foster Kids with Inadequate Care

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A nearly $370 million contract promised to improve healthcare for state wards — but for two years the Centene Corp. fell short on basic care, forcing foster parents to scramble.

Top Lightfoot Aide Who Led Heavily Promoted Anti-Violence Efforts Gone From City Job

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Tamara Mahal’s departure comes months after the BGA reported that the city overhyped the initiative and that she had made false claims about her career accomplishments

A Powerful Pritzker Administration Insider Cashed In as a Consultant

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In 10 months after leaving state government, Nikki Budzinski earned more than $500,000 from a lobbyist, big-money Democratic groups that don’t disclose their donors, and political and labor organizations. Now she’s running for Congress.

Pritzker’s Personal Fortune Intersects With State Contracts

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The governor’s promises to divest his vast portfolio of state contractors have not extended to his so-called blind trust, which has the governor’s money in at least a dozen companies with billions in state business.

State Filing on Medicaid Delays Asks Court to Reconsider

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Saying a federal appeals court mistakenly created a “watershed moment” that could cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul sides with insurance titans that administer healthcare reimbursements

City Claims on Anti-Violence Program Are Overblown

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Mayor Lightfoot’s choice to lead the city’s campaign against gun-crime has a history of hyperbole, both about her efforts to confront Chicago’s greatest crisis and her own career.

Appeals Court Reinstates Lawsuit Against State Medicaid Administrators

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Citing the BGA investigation ‘Milking Medicaid,’ a three-judge panel said Saint Anthony Hospital has a ‘viable’ case against a state that has refused to enforce its contracts with private insurers who manage the program.