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Democrat supports millionaire tax in Illinois to fund schools

JJ Bullock  
Peoria Journal Star  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth would like to see Illinois implement a tax on millionaires to help make up a gap in edu-

cation funding in the state and hopefully offer property tax relief to homeowners. Gordon-Booth, a Peoria Democrat and assistant majority leader in the Illinois House, told the Journal Star that a tax on millionaires is her preferred

method of filling shortages in education funding. “We need to run a millionaire tax,” Gordon-Booth said while at Manual High School in Peoria. “There are two

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Fuel prices are getting attention as the midterm elections approach because they are the most visible measure of what some are arguing is an affordability crisis, with many Americans facing increased costs for food, housing, childcare, health care, energy and even water bills.

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The WalletHub study reviewed 26 common grocery items in 100 cities and compared their costs with median household incomes to find where Americans spend the greatest percentage of their income on groceries.

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Which U.S. cities spend the most on groceries?

Betty Lin-Fisher  
USA TODAY

Groceries are continuing to take a large bite out of shoppers’ budgets, even as monthly food prices have dipped, but overall grocery prices remain higher than a year ago.

According to data from the latest U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index, the cost of food at home went down in September by 0.1% but remained 1.8% higher than a year ago. A new WalletHub study analyzed cities where people spend the most and least on groceries. The study reviewed

26 common items in 100 cities and compared their costs with the median household income to determine where Americans spend the greatest percentage of their income on groceries. Detroit, Cleveland and Birmingham,

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Gas prices remain sore spot for GOP

Frank Witsil  
Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

DETROIT – High fuel prices aren’t budging much, edging up and down, as the war with Iran drags on and Democrats and Republicans accuse each other of causing the problem. Gasoline prices in the United States averaged \$4.28 a gallon on Oct. 20, according to AAA. Diesel, which has been of even bigger concern, averaged \$6.32 a gallon. And in California, one gas station reportedly was selling premium gasoline for \$10 a gallon. Gasoline prices also hit a record the week of Oct. 12-18 with the national average price of regular gasoline remaining more than \$4 per gallon for at least 158 consecutive days, breaking the record set during the 2022 fuel price surge, when a Democrat was president. At the same time, President Donald Trump’s approval rating is 33%, according to a recent Washington Post-ABC News-Ipsos poll. It is so low that even Republican candidates, such as Senate candidate Mike Rogers, are distancing themselves from the president on some issues. Fuel prices are getting attention as

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