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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Security perimeter planned at DNC

With closed streets and CTA changes, convention will affect residents, commuters around Chicago

By Sarah Freishtat
Chicago Tribune

Streets around the United Center and McCormick Place will close, access around the sites will be restricted and CTA riders could see changes when the Democratic National Convention comes to town.

Security and transportation plans came into sharper focus Thursday, when DNC officials unveiled measures that will limit movement through the area

around the two primary convention sites as an expected tens of thousands of visitors, delegates, politicians and protesters arrive in Chicago.

CTA President Dorval Carter separately answered questions from aldermen about how the beleaguered agency would balance transporting official convention participants and getting Chicago residents about their daily business.

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PRITZKER SILENT ON POSSIBLY JOINING TICKET: Gov. J.B. Pritzker continues to avoid questions about whether he's under consideration as a running mate for Vice President Kamala Harris. The governor has been a vociferous critic of former President Donald Trump and has personal wealth that could be attractive to Democrats. **Page 3**

Pedestrian-only zone surrounding United Center will restrict entry to those who 'need to be there'

By Megan Crepeau, Sam Charles, Olivia Olander and Jake Sheridan
Chicago Tribune

Federal and local authorities on Thursday released long-awaited details of the planned security perimeter around the upcoming Democratic National Convention, a marquee event for the city that promises to bring not only the spotlight of the presidential race to Chicago but protests and safety concerns as well.

"Let me state this unequivocally: Chicago is ready. We were born ready," Mayor Brandon Johnson told reporters.

"This will be a peaceful and unified expression of our sacred democratic process," Johnson said. "... You will be protected and served throughout this convention."

Officials unveiled a pedestrian-only restricted zone around the United Center that stretches

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A WORLD'S AFFAIR

As Paris gets set for 16 days of Olympic competition, the Eiffel Tower, for decades the world's loftiest structure, is appropriately golden, above, to welcome the international stage to the City of Light. The French capital's first Olympic Games in a century begin Friday with an opening ceremony that will parade the nations down the River Seine. The water-based spectacular that begins at noon Central time initially felt like "a crazy and not very serious idea," said French President



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Emmanuel Macron. But audacity is the theme of these Games. After two toned-down, pandemic-hampered Olympics, expect a bold celebration that's already underway in earnest. The U.S. women's national soccer team began Olympic pool play on Thursday with a 3-0 victory over Zambia in Nice, France. Red Stars standout Mallory Swanson led the way for the Americans, scoring the team's second and third goals in a 70-second span.

Coverage in Chicago Sports

Quantum computer facility would be 'transformational'

By Robert Channick
Chicago Tribune

In what could be a transformational development for Chicago, California-based tech company PsiQuantum is investing billions in the long-dormant South Works site in a quest to build the world's first commercially viable quantum computer.

The project promises to boost Chicago as a leader in the nascent quantum computing field, while revitalizing the city's Southeast Side, which has struggled econom-

ically since U.S. Steel closed its once massive plant more than 30 years ago.

Mayor Brandon Johnson, who met with top PsiQuantum executives several months ago to pitch the site and the city, said it is significant that a revolutionary new industry is set to spring up on grounds that built the material to create Chicago's skyline during the last century.

"We were the first to shift the economy when steel was being

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INSIDE \$9.9B CPS budget OK'd

Despite pressure from the teachers union to reject Chicago Public Schools' proposed \$9.9 billion budget, Board of Education members voted Thursday to pass the plan. **Page 3**

Travelers happy with Southwest's plan to assign seats — as long as it doesn't raise ticket prices. **Business**

As Netanyahu visits, Harris seeks Gaza cease-fire deal

By Aamer Madhani
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Kamala Harris on Thursday said she urged Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to reach a cease-fire deal soon with Hamas so that dozens of hostages held by the militants in Gaza since Oct. 7 can return home.

Harris said she had a "frank and constructive" conversation with Netanyahu in which she affirmed Israel's right to defend itself but also expressed deep concern about

the high death toll in Gaza over nine months of war and the "dire" humanitarian situation there.

With all eyes on the likely Democratic nominee, Harris largely reiterated Biden's longstanding message that it's time find an endgame to the brutal war in Gaza, where more than 39,000 Palestinians have died. Yet she offered a more forceful tone about the urgency of the moment just one day after Netanyahu gave a fiery speech to Congress in which he

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