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Williams promising in his debut with Bears

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STILL SILVER

At 100 years old, the Tribune's Silver Football for the top Big Ten player still carries weight. **Special Section inside**

Iconic venues will be Paris’ Olympic legacy — and one Los Angeles will find difficult to surpass when the Games return to the United States in 2028



# Towering above

By Stacy St. Clair | Chicago Tribune

PARIS — As Paris prepares to say au revoir to the 2024 Summer Games, it leaves a legacy of some of the most iconic venues in modern Olympic history.

From fencing in the Grand Palais to cycling along the Champs-Élysées, it incorporated the city’s grandeur as well as any host city ever has and created a standard that the 2028 Games in Los Angeles will find difficult to surpass.

As expected, the crown jewel — both among the city’s landmarks and the venues — has been the Eiffel Tower, which provided dramatic backdrops for beach volleyball, race walking, road races and the marathon. With the Olympic rings mounted between its first and second floors, it has become the enduring symbol of the Paris Games.

“Oh my gosh, it was so magical, especially when all the lights went down ... it was unbelievable,” American beach volleyball player Taryn Kloth said. “This is our first (Olympic Games) but I would have to say that it is the best ever venue.”

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The sun sets behind the Eiffel Tower while Canada and Switzerland play a women’s beach volleyball qualifying match on July 31 during the Paris Olympics. The beach volleyball venue was this Olympics’ crown jewel, but organizers of the 2028 Games in Los Angeles say it’s best not to try to match Paris’ splendor. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

**ONE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY:** Chicago native Kennedy Blades will wrestle for a gold medal Sunday after a stellar Olympic debut that included one of the tournament’s best throws by any competitor — regardless of gender or weight class. Blades, 20, went 3-0 Saturday to reach the 76-kilogram final, notching wins against three higher-seeded opponents. She will wrestle world champion Yuka Kagami of Japan in the final match of these Games, and she’s assured of at least a silver medal. **Chicago Sports**

**DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION**

## Cleanup aims for lasting effects

Projects big and small seek to improve Chicago beyond next week’s political event

By Jake Sheridan  
Chicago Tribune

The man leading the city of Chicago’s planning efforts for the Democratic National Convention likes to compare the preparation needed for next week’s political celebration to hosting a house party. And he now has a clear directive: It’s time to cut the grass.

For months, legions of city workers have been preparing for the estimated 50,000 politicians, national media and others expected to descend on Chicago for the DNC, which begins Aug. 19. The city has tackled projects big and small, from repaving roads and installing new signs to fast-tracking the new \$80 million Damen Avenue Green Line stop near the United Center, where all the show business of the convention will occur.

But with just eight days to go, the fine-tuning is taking place in earnest.

“You cut the grass, you may plant flowers, you may decide to buy new patio furniture, you may decide to buy a new grill. It doesn’t mean that you weren’t taking care of those things before, but when you decide that you’re going to host ... you want to make sure that when your guests show up that they have a wonderful experience,” Chicago Chief Operating Officer John Roberson said in an interview with the Tribune. “And part of that is doing things like painting light poles. Do we paint light poles on a day-to-day basis? Absolutely. But the ability for us to accelerate that type, that level of

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**BEFORE THE MAIN EVENT:** On the eve of the convention, elected officials and community leaders will gather for a summit on racial equity. **Life+Travel**

## Striving for ‘a movement, not just a moment’



Swansey Adams, shown in an undated stereo card photo, was born into chattel slavery in Virginia in 1796 and eventually taken to Illinois, where his enslavers forced him to toil in salt and lead mines. Adams would gain his freedom and go on to sell water in Galena before his death in 1880. **GALENA-JO DAVIESS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Inside the arduous work of Illinois’ reparations efforts

By Jonathan Bullington  
and Alex Hulvalchick  
Chicago Tribune

The search to better understand his roots took Paul Thomas Harper to his late grandmother’s attic in St. Paul, Minnesota. There, among the letters and photographs, he found clues that, once plugged into a genealogy website, helped him trace his family tree back to his fourth great-grandfather.

His name, Harper would learn, was Swansey Adams. Born into chattel slavery in Virginia in 1796, Adams was eventually taken to Illinois, where his enslavers forced him to toil in the salt mines near downstate Shawneetown and, later, in the lead mines around Galena before he gained his freedom.

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### Take a bow, Buddy

Chicago blues legend Buddy Guy just celebrated his 88th birthday, and now he’s hanging up his guitar. He talks with the Tribune about his life, his music and why he never sat down on stage. **A+E**

**NOT THIS TIME:** The old, sexist playbook isn’t going to work against Kamala Harris, predicts Heidi Stevens. **Life+Travel**