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ELECTION 2024

Issue of diversity pops up in race

Candidates make final push for Illinois Supreme Court seat

By Olivia Olander
Chicago Tribune

With Illinois Supreme Court Justice Joy Cunningham leading the way in both party endorsements and fundraising going into the campaign's final week, her Democratic primary challenger is staking his bid on the argument that the election is a once-in-a generation chance to put a Latino on the high court.

Supporters of both Cunningham and Appellate Judge Jesse Reyes say choosing an experienced voice for the seat is especially important at a time when state courts could be faced with questions on issues like abortion, criminal justice and immigration.

Given Cunningham's party backing in the Cook County district race, Reyes' supporters are also framing him as a candidate free of the party's control.

"There's a lack of confidence in the public with the judiciary, and I think we have to work hard to try to reaffirm their prior confidence," Reyes said in an interview earlier this month.

"I'm looking to provide a voice that I think is needed," he said.

No Republican candidates have filed for the race, so the

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Stadium proposal raises questions

Bears' plan sparks excitement, along with opposition

By Robert McCoppin
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Bears stirred excitement and alarm Monday after carefully unveiling a piece of its plans for a new stadium and promising to spend more than \$2 billion to help build a new publicly owned domed stadium on Chicago's lakefront.

The excitement came from fans and supporters who cheered the thought of the Bears staying in Chicago. But the alarm came from vast corners around the city and state, as the Bears' plans lacked significant details and raised a host of questions — not only about how much public funding would be required and how that revenue would be raised, but also about how the Bears might win over Chicago and Illinois lawmakers as well as overcome opposition from open space and historical landmark advocates.

Foremost among the new opponents was Landmarks Illinois. Although Soldier Field was delisted as a National Historic Landmark because of the 2003 renovation that squeezed a new stadium inside its old colonnades, the 100-year-old structure remains on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Venezuelan migrant Williany Sanchez, 18, pushes her son Manuel Carvojal, 3, while walking with her husband, Danilson Carvojal, 20, outside a migrant shelter Monday on Chicago's Lower West Side. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

2 more measles cases at Lower West Side shelter

Adults test positive, bringing location's total to 4; CDC assisting with screening

By Alice Yin, Sarah Macaraeg, Nell Salzman and Caroline Kubzansky
Chicago Tribune

Two new cases of measles emerged Monday from the Lower West Side shelter where two children earlier tested positive for the virus, public health officials announced Monday.

The Chicago Department of Public Health said late Monday afternoon that two adults at the quarantined facility on Cermak

Road and Halsted Street have tested positive, bringing the total number of cases at the shelter to four. The first case in the shelter was confirmed Friday. That child has recovered and is no longer infectious.

A second child with measles was announced Sunday. The child, a student at Philip D. Armour Elementary School in Bridgeport, has been hospitalized and remains in good condition, according to city officials.

Officials said Monday that

the city's first reported case of measles since 2019 — announced Thursday — was documented on the Northwest Side and unrelated to the asylum-seekers.

Measles, a serious respiratory infection that causes a rash and high fever, can be particularly severe for young children and can lead to other complications such as pneumonia. The first positive case at the city's largest migrant shelter, where nearly 1,896 people live in close quarters, prompted fast action from the city over the weekend as health care professionals descended on the Lower West Side to assess the shelter's residents.

A team from the U.S. Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention was dispatched to Chicago to assist with screening and vaccinating residents at the shelter, CDPH said in its Sunday statement. The city's Public Health Department said it vaccinated more than 900 residents, and that another 700 migrants were "found to already be immune from previous vaccination or infection."

All residents of the shelter who have not finished with their measles vaccination series were placed on a 21-day lockdown, the CDPH said.

"As far as what we're doing, our Chicago Department of Public

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Palestinians perform prayers Monday on the first day of Ramadan amid rubble from Al-Huda Mosque, which was partially destroyed by Israeli air strikes in Rafah, Gaza Strip. **AHMAD HASABALLAH/GETTY**

Gaza's Ramadan opens on sad note as war continues

Hunger, violence mute usual sense of joy for festive holy month

By Wafaa Shurafa and Samy Magdy
Associated Press

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — Palestinians began fasting for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan on Monday with cease-fire talks at a standstill, hunger worsening

across the Gaza Strip and no end in sight to the 5-month-old war between Israel and Hamas.

Prayers were held outside amid the rubble of demolished buildings. Fairy lights and decorations were hung in packed tent camps, and a video from a U.N.-school-turned-shelter showed children dancing and spraying foam in celebration as a man sang into a loudspeaker.

But there was little to celebrate after five months of war

that has killed over 30,000 Palestinians and left much of Gaza in ruins. Families would ordinarily break the daily sunrise-to-sundown fast with holiday feasts, but even where food is available, there is little beyond canned goods, and the prices are too high for many.

"You don't see anyone with joy in their eyes," said Sabah al-Hendi, who was shopping for

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Chicago to get \$75M for security at convention

The city will receive the federal funds to help offset security costs for the Democratic National Convention, as part of a spending measure signed into law over the weekend. **Page 2**

Real estate group appeals Bring Home Chicago

Opponents of the real estate transfer tax referendum filed an appeal Monday to the Illinois Supreme Court, again placing the referendum's fate in judges' hands. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

Nurses reach deal with UChicago Medicine

UChicago Medicine and thousands of its nurses have reached a new contract agreement, averting a one-day strike that had been set for Thursday. **Business**

Biden leans into election year with spending proposal

President Joe Biden's proposal was aimed at getting voters' attention, a blueprint of what the future could hold if he and enough Democrats win in November. **Nation & World**

