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SANGAMON COUNTY COURT

Judge overturns ballot access law

Ruling upends Pritzker-backed ban on slating candidates without first running in primary

By Rick Pearson
Chicago Tribune

A judge in Springfield on Wednesday ruled unconstitutional a new Democrat-passed law that would have prevented Republicans

from slating legislative candidates for the November general election in contests where they had not fielded a contender in the March primary.

Sangamon County Circuit Judge Gail Noll said the legisla-

tion, quickly passed by the Democratic-led legislature and signed into law May 3 by Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker was unconstitutional because it “impermissibly burdens” candidates who had been following the previous law from “their right to vote and to have their names placed on the November ballot.”

Before Democrats moved to

change the law, local partisan committees in either political party could fill legislative spots on the general election ballot in races where no candidates from that party had run in the primary. The candidate slated by the political party was still required to obtain candidacy petition signatures in order to appear on the general election ballot.

When he signed the legislation into law, Pritzker said it forced candidates to run in the primary and prevented “backroom deals” where “some small group of people in a smoke-filled room” decided who would run in the general election.

But the attempt to block slating

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From neighborhood-level advocates to health care professionals, stakeholders across Chicago’s sweeping anti-violence efforts dig in as another summer begins



IT TAKES A VILLAGE



By Caroline Kubzansky and Sam Charles
Chicago Tribune

One morning last month, Anthony Douglas stood at the front of a classroom at Englewood STEM High School and asked a group of boys how long they thought it took for someone to die from blood loss. One guessed two minutes. Another guessed five.

“You’re all wrong,” Douglas said. “You get hit in the right spot, you can bleed out in seconds.”

Such are the lessons taught to some teenagers in Chicago, a city just beginning another summer and preparing to grapple with the violence it can bring.

Douglas moved on to the names of the major arteries and how to pressure and pack a wound, hoping to equip the boys with some knowledge of how to respond should somebody be shot where they were standing.

Along with city leaders and public safety advocates, Douglas and his colleagues at the University of Chicago trauma center have spent months

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In trip, a show of unity for allies

Biden’s D-Day visit stresses support for European security

By Chris Megerian
and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

PARIS — President Joe Biden will mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day invasion in France this week as he tries to demonstrate steadfast support for European security at a time when some allies fear former President Donald Trump threatens to upend U.S. commitments if he wins another term.

Biden’s trip comes as the deadliest fighting on the continent since World War II continues in Ukraine and allied countries struggle to find ways to turn the tide against Russia, which has recently gained ground on the battlefield. It is also set against deepening cracks between the U.S. and many European allies over how to manage the ongoing Israel-Hamas war in Gaza.

Biden arrived in Paris on Wednesday morning and was welcomed by French officials and an honor guard. On Thursday, he’ll visit hallowed ground near the beaches of Normandy, where rows of bone-white headstones mark the graves of U.S. soldiers who died to bring an end to World War II. He’ll also speak on Friday at Pointe du Hoc, a spot on the French coast where Army Rangers scaled seaside cliffs to overcome Nazi defenses.

White House National Security adviser Jake Sullivan said aboard Air Force One on the way to France that Biden will stress how the men on those cliffs “put the country ahead of themselves” and detail “the dangers of isolationism, and how, if we bow to dictators and fail to stand up to them, they keep going and ultimately America and the world pays a greater price.”

“Eighty years later, we see dictators once again attempt-

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Above: Raven Adams, center, attends a memorial on Friday, days after her daughter Reign Ware, 5, was fatally shot. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE** Top: University of Chicago Medical Center surgeon Dr. Anthony Douglas teaches Englewood STEM High School students how to tie a tourniquet to a limb with simulated bullet wounds during a “stop the bleed” training through the MedCEEP organization on May 14. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

INSIDE

Not the last dance for Foxtrot market?

Foxtrot co-founder Mike LaVitola, backed by a group that purchased the chain’s assets in an auction last month, is planning to reopen about a dozen stores later this summer, beginning with Old Town and Gold Coast locations in Chicago. **Business**



White Sox mum on report claiming it’s only of matter of time before manager Pedro Grifol will be fired. **Chicago Sports**

Burke’s lawyers throw up Hail Mary to toss verdict

By Jason Meisner
and Megan Crepeau
Chicago Tribune

Whether a job can be considered “property” and what constitutes an “official act” were the focus of court arguments Wednesday in ex-Chicago Ald. Edward Burke’s corruption case, where Burke’s attorneys made a long-shot bid for a retrial on some counts and an outright acquittal on others.

Burke, 80, was convicted by a jury in December of racketeer-

ing conspiracy and a dozen other counts for using the clout of his elected office to try to win private law business from developers and pressure the Field Museum to hire his goddaughter.

Burke is scheduled to be sentenced June 24. Before that, however, U.S. District Judge Virginia Kendall must deal with a motion by Burke’s attorneys to toss out portions of the jury’s decision and acquit the former alderman on nine counts.

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Ex-Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, right, exits the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago on Wednesday following a motions hearing for acquittal in his corruption trial that ended in December. **VINCENT ALBAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

