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Discord at CPS budget hearings

Push, pull between CTU, charter school advocates continues

By Molly Morrow
Chicago Tribune

As Chicago Public Schools attempts to eliminate a looming \$505 million deficit and pass its proposed \$9.9 billion budget for the coming school year, the district, Chicago Teachers Union and education advocates presented competing priorities — and found some consensus — at public hearings Tuesday and Wednesday.

With a budget vote on the horizon, CPS said it would eliminate its shortfall by introducing cuts to academic and operational departments, identifying grants for additional funding and restructuring some of their debt in order to eliminate the deficit, while maintaining their goal of making funding more equitable across the district.

Following this week's discussion and public comment period, the Chicago Board of Education is expected to vote on the budget at its July 25 meeting.

At the hearings, the district presented a united front with Mayor Brandon Johnson's administration over the recently proposed equitable funding formula, a new method for distributing funds that will increase resources in schools with high percentages of poor and vulnerable students, guarantee a minimum number of teachers in core subjects and support staff in all of its more than 600 schools, and reduce the student-to-teacher ratio.

"This isn't just Mayor Johnson's north star," Chicago Board of Education President Jianan Shi said Tuesday about the new funding formula. "It's all of our north stars."

But while CPS defended its budget at the hearings, citing a shared goal with the mayoral administration, generating support for the details comes at a moment of tension between key players, among them the Board of Education, CTU, Johnson's administration and education interest groups.

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CHICAGO SPORTS



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New era dawns as Bears open camp

There's a new quarterback — that's rookie Caleb Williams, above. There are new offensive and defensive coordinators installing their systems. There are new veteran and rookie wide receivers. And there is a new hope at Halas Hall. All will be on display this week when the curtain rises on Bears training camp after a pivotal offseason for general manager Ryan Poles and coach Matt Eberflus.

ELECTION 2024 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION



Former President Donald Trump applauds during the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee on Wednesday. JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Trump accepts GOP nod

Former president gives first speech since Pa. rally shooting

BLAGOJEVICH AT THE RNC: While Rod Blagojevich stumps for Donald Trump in Milwaukee, some Illinois Republicans say the former governor's embrace of the GOP nominee makes him an unwelcome guest at the party. **Page 2**

■ More top Democrats pressure Biden to drop out. **Nation & World**

By Steve Peoples,
Jonathan J. Cooper
and Jill Colvin
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Just five days after surviving an assassination attempt, a bandaged Donald Trump delivered a message "of confidence, strength, and hope" at the Republican National Convention on Thursday to accept his

party's presidential nomination in a speech designed to unify his party — and the nation — behind his third consecutive White House bid.

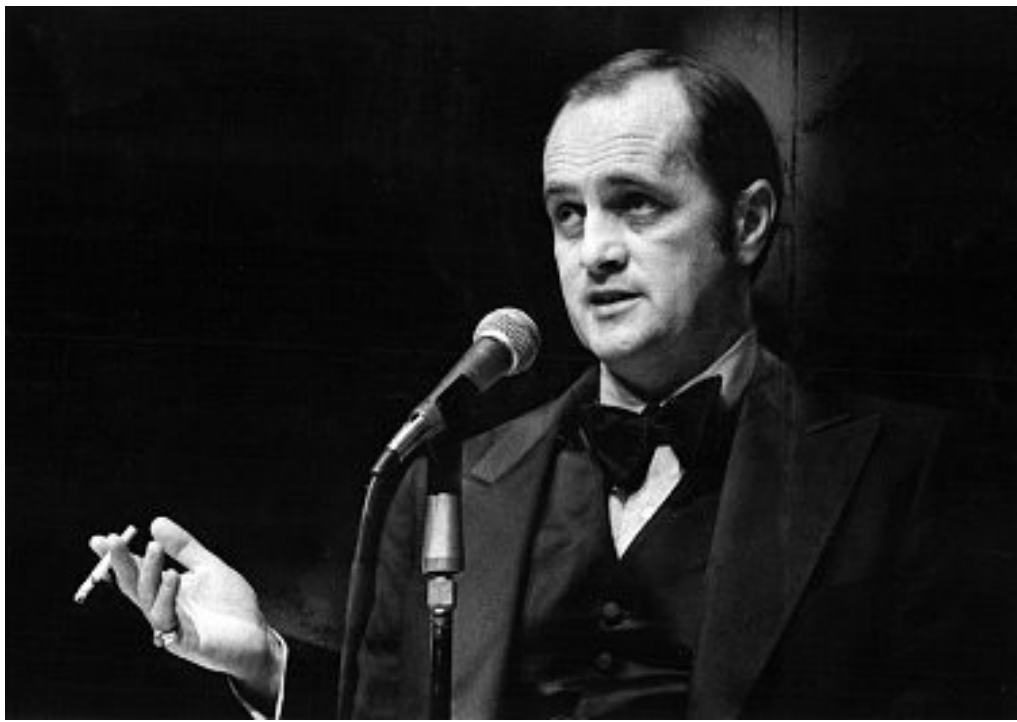
The 78-year-old former president, often eager to criticize his political foes, offered a softer and more personal message of unity following his brush with death.

"The discord and division in our society must be healed. As Amer-

icans, we are bound together by a single fate and a shared destiny. We rise together. Or we fall apart," Trump said. "I am running to be president for all of America, not half of America, because there is no victory in winning for half of America."

Trump's speech marked the climax and conclusion of a massive

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BOB NEWHART 1929-2024

Beloved comedian never forgot his Chicago roots

By Rick Kogan
Chicago Tribune

Never, in the lively history of show business, has there been anybody like Bob Newhart, and it was in Chicago that he burst onto the entertainment landscape. For more than half a century he remained a vital, admired and impossible-to-imitate presence in nightclubs, on albums, in films and, most profoundly, on TV.

After a lifetime of making people laugh, Newhart died Thursday at his home in Los Angeles. He was 94. His publicist Jerry Digney

confirmed his death. Newhart worked nearly to the end of his life, contributing to last year's "Bob and Don: A Love Story," a documentary by Judd Apatow and Michael Bonfiglio about his longtime friendship with the late comic Don Rickles. He was guided by a philosophy once expressed to the Hollywood Reporter: "As long as you're able to physically do it I can't imagine ever not doing it. It's been a way of life for me. It's a pain in the ass getting there, with the planes and the canceled flights and

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'Project is not the end point'

New markers start conversation about Race Riot of 1919

By Jonathan Bullington
Chicago Tribune

On a sweltering summer Sunday in July 1919, a group of Black teenagers with a makeshift wooden raft unintentionally drifted across an invisible boundary line into an area of Lake Michigan near 29th Street used by white beachgoers.

A 24-year-old white man, George Stauber, threw stones at the teens, causing the drowning death of 17-year-old Eugene Williams. His death and a white police officer's refusal to arrest Stauber lit the fuse on simmering racial hostility that would explode into what historians have called the most violent week in Chicago history.

In the end, 38 people were killed (23 of the dead were Black; 15 were white), more than 500 were injured, (two-thirds were Black) and at least 1,000 were left homeless.

Now, 105 years after what would be known as the Chicago Race Riot of 1919, the first five of 38 planned commemorative glass markers — one for each person killed — will be unveiled during a ceremony Saturday in Bronzeville near the Illinois Institute of Technology campus, at an intersection the Chicago Defender

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