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Biden takes reins off Ukraine arms

Kyiv’s forces allowed to fire deeper into Russia with long-range missiles from US

By **Samya Kullab**
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Associated Press

MANAUS, Brazil — President Joe Biden has authorized Ukraine to use U.S.-supplied long-range missiles to strike deeper inside Russia, easing limitations on the

weapons as Russia deploys thousands of North Korean troops to reinforce its war, according to a U.S. official and three other people familiar with the matter.

The decision allowing Kyiv to use the Army Tactical Missile System, or ATACMs, for attacks farther inside Russia comes as

President Vladimir Putin positions North Korean troops along Ukraine’s northern border to try to reclaim hundreds of miles of territory seized by Ukrainian forces.

Meanwhile, Russia launched a massive drone and missile attack Sunday across Ukraine, described by officials as the largest in recent months, targeting energy infrastructure and killing civilians.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Russia launched 120 missiles and 90 drones in a large-scale

attack. Various types of drones were deployed, he said, including Iranian-made Shaheds, as well as cruise, ballistic and aircraft-launched ballistic missiles.

Ukrainian defenses shot down 144 out of 210 air targets, Ukraine’s air force reported later Sunday.

Biden’s move to allow longer strikes also follows the win by President-elect Donald Trump, who has said he would bring about a swift end to the war after he takes office Jan. 20 and raised uncer-

tainty about whether his administration would continue the United States’ vital military support for Ukraine.

The official and the others knowledgeable about the matter were not authorized to discuss the U.S. decision publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Zelenskyy’s reaction Sunday to Biden’s move was restrained. “Strikes are not made with words,”

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PACKERS 20, BEARS 19



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PACKERS PREVAIL AGAIN

Packers players celebrate as Bears place kicker Cairo Santos stands alone after Packers defensive end Karl Brooks blocked a 46-yard field goal attempt to win the game Sunday at Soldier Field. It was the Bears’ 11th straight loss to the Packers. **Coverage in Chicago Sports**

Historic co-op defaults on mortgage

Chatham Park Village residents disagree on property’s future

By **Lizzie Kane**
Chicago Tribune

Peppi Wilson, 60, remembers the “glory years” of the Chatham Park Village Cooperative.

He grew up at the property playing hide-and-seek on the verdant grounds, sledding down small hills that once seemed big. Residents across the 23-acre property knew him, and Wilson recalls some yelling at him to “get off our grass!” There was “a sense of community,” Wilson said. “People cared.”

After a handful of years away, Wilson moved back to the co-op around 2005 when his mother got sick. But the co-op wasn’t the same. Wilson said he no longer felt the sense of community that he remembered fondly from his childhood.

Wilson moved out of the co-op in April, exchanging a two-bedroom duplex that cost him around \$877 a month for a pricier rental downtown. His unit at the co-op is still vacant.

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Workers Bryant Wynne, center, and Korey Lee, left, bag food orders at Mac’s Deli with supervisor Jesseka Leggett, right, during the eatery’s soft opening on Thursday. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Restaurant on road to recovery

Addiction treatment center opens deli in West Loop staffed by clients

By **Sylvan Lebrun**
Chicago Tribune

Customers flocked to the bright red and yellow awning of Mac’s Deli on a cloudy Thursday afternoon, walking away with foil-wrapped workday lunches of warm Italian beef sandwiches and hot dogs.

Inside the new restaurant on Sangamon Street in the West Loop, the grills, fryers and registers were all manned by workers

currently in recovery from drug addiction.

Preparing the French fries was Bryant Wynne, a 46-year-old South Side native whose first job was working as a fry person at Wendy’s. He has been a client of the Haymarket Center, a nonprofit treatment center for substance use disorders in the West Loop, for about a year and a half.

“(Haymarket Center) has helped people that may have

fallen off track to get back on track,” said Wynne as he took his lunch break on Thursday. “Sometimes we gotta do what I call the reset. Once we do the reset, we get time enough to come to a place like this, get our lives back together again, and then go on. Then we can push play.”

Monday marked the grand opening of Mac’s Deli, a restaurant that Haymarket Center

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Students out of luck after classes

Delayed funding disbursement has slashed programs

By **Ikram Mohamed**
Chicago Tribune

The 3 p.m. bell at Telpochcalli Elementary marked the start of students’ and teachers’ favorite hours. Students played instruments under the guidance of their musically talented educators and swirled paint on canvases, eventually graduating to create murals that adorned the school’s walls and ceilings.

For the first time in 20 years, the once lively halls are silent at the school in Little Village, with unfinished murals standing as poignant reminders of the after-school program’s closure.

Nearly three months into the school year, Illinois is now facing a statewide after-school funding crisis.

About 40% of the state’s after-school programs have been slashed this year, following delays in the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant, and the number is expected to rise to 87%, totaling about 290 sites, by the end of this year.

The problem is that the governor’s office is at a standstill with the money, and there has been no communication on when funds will be released.

The Illinois State Board of Education did not respond to a request to comment.

In 2023, the 21CCLC grants were serving 578 schools across the state with \$76 million in funds. At the start of this school year, only 271 sites were still receiving funding (totaling \$36.9 million in spending), representing a 53% cut in schools served and a 47% drop in funding.

Distributed and managed by the Illinois State Board of Education, the 21CCLC grant is federal funding that provides after-school programming and educational development for students, 80% of whom are people of color and all attend

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Peers decry killing at officer’s wake

Mourners lined up outside an Oak Lawn funeral home to pay their respects to Chicago police Officer Enrique Martínez, who was killed in the line of duty. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

Opera charts agony of Black parenting

The powerful “Blue” at Lyric Opera of Chicago is about the police shooting of a Black teenager, but it focuses on the dread Black parents experience. **Arts & Living**

