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ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Trains, insurance, Bears on agenda

Transit funding shortfall is most urgent problem legislators face in short session starting Tuesday

By **Jeremy Gorner**
and **John Lippert**
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — While Illinois continues to battle the Trump administration over deploying National Guard troops, the nuts-and-bolts world of state govern-

ment will keep on turning in the capital as lawmakers head back to potentially tackle high energy and insurance costs, legislation that could affect a new Chicago Bears stadium and the uncertain future of public transportation.

Gov. JB Pritzker said last week there are “lots of discussions, no

determinations,” about a possible legislative response to the National Guard issue when lawmakers reconvene for the fall veto session for three days starting Tuesday, with three more days at the end of October. As they are the final session days of the year, lawmakers could end up tackling numerous issues — or none at all.

But perhaps the most significant item on the to-do list is deciding whether to implement sweeping

changes and secure much-needed funding to keep buses and trains in the Chicago region running on time.

Despite Democrats dominating both the Illinois House and Senate, legislators concluded their spring session without addressing the huge revenue shortfall in the transit budget, which had fluctuating estimates in the hundreds of millions of dollars. When the Senate pushed through an

eleventh-hour bill with a funding proposal and changes to the governing structure overseeing the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra and Pace, the House chose not to put the matter up for a vote.

Now, the stakes are even higher as federal COVID-19 relief money for transit networks is running out, and 40% cuts in service across all three agencies could occur by

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THE LONG RUN

Runners from around the world begin the 47th annual Bank of America Chicago Marathon by heading north on Columbus Avenue in Grant Park on Sunday. Support for runners could be seen and heard throughout the race route, and many supporters turned out despite their worries over the increase in federal immigration enforcement in Chicago. **Chicagoland, Page 3**



Tony Fitzpatrick sits with some of the puzzles that have been created from his artwork on May 9, 2020. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

TONY FITZPATRICK 1958-2025

Adored Chicago artist worked in many realms

‘He did everything and he did it his way’

By **Rick Kogan**
Chicago Tribune

If it is possible to take the measure of a person by how the internet responds to their death, then Tony Fitzpatrick was a giant.

Thousands of memories and good wishes and stories have been pouring forth since Fitzpatrick, a man boundlessly creative in many realms — visual arts,

theater, film, radio, literature and random conversations — died Saturday morning at Rush Medical Center in Chicago. He was 66.

His wife, Michele, was with him and said the cause of death was a heart attack. Their children were there too, son Max and daughter Gaby (Gabrielle).

“He was the love of my life. I am so incredibly grateful to have been able to share the past 35 years with him,” Michele Fitzpatrick said Sunday. “He was

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Israel awaits release of hostages

UN to deliver food, medicine, fuel over 2 months to Gaza

By **Samy Magdy,**
Sarah El Deeb
and **Melanie Lidman**
Associated Press

CAIRO — Israel said Sunday that it expected all living hostages held in Gaza to be released Monday in its breakthrough ceasefire deal with Hamas, as Palestinians awaited the release of hundreds of prisoners held in Israel and a surge of aid into the famine-stricken territory.

“In a few hours, we will all be reunited,” Israel’s military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir, said in a statement.

U.S. President Donald Trump planned to visit Israel and Egypt on Monday to celebrate the ceasefire announced last week in the two-year war.

“The war is over,” Trump said as he departed, adding he thought the ceasefire would hold and that he’s “proud” to visit Gaza.

Israeli government spokesperson Shosh Bedrosian said all 20 living hostages were expected to be released at one time to the Red Cross, then driven to a military base to reunite with families or, if needed, immediately to a hospital. After the hostages are freed, Israel was ready to

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INSIDE

‘Deeper’ job cuts ahead, Vance says

There will be deeper cuts to the federal workforce the longer the government shutdown goes on, Vice President JD Vance said, as no shutdown negotiations appeared to be taking place.

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Ward by ward, Chicago aldermen fight Trump’s immigration blitz

Many join activists to defend their territories from ICE incursions

By **Jake Sheridan**
Chicago Tribune

Chicago aldermen have traditionally measured success by potholes filled, block party bounce houses delivered, votes counted.

But with President Donald Trump’s deportation blitz in full swing, some are adding once unimaginable duties: getting tear-

gassed and handcuffed, organizing legions of volunteers, leading local patrols and standing guard near elementary schools.

It’s an effort that has played out outside detention centers and playgrounds, in ward offices, packed auditoriums and in front of news cameras. It has been especially pronounced among the City Council’s progressive Latino members, several of whom hail from grassroots activist backgrounds or represent communities catching the brunt of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent efforts.

MORE COVERAGE

■ Gov. JB Pritzker points to inconsistencies in the president’s National Guard deployment in Chicago. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

■ Arrival of National Guard in Memphis stirs memories of 1968. **Nation & World, Page 2**

“We’ll do everything in our power to make sure that ICE is out of Chicago,” Ald. Michael Rodriguez, 22nd, who represents Little Village, told the Tribune on

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Ald. Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez, 33rd, along with other community members, keeps watch for Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents Wednesday outside Carl Von Linné School in Chicago’s Avondale neighborhood during dismissal. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

