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TRUMP'S CHICAGO THREAT

# FEDS SET FOR BLITZ

Pritzker expects agents to assemble by end of the week as city braces for ramped up immigration raids

Officers to stay at hotels in Gurnee and Waukegan as Durbin demands hearing into president's incursions

Governor vows he won't ask Trump for intervention, arguing it's a ploy to be used against the state in court

**By Olivia Olander, Steve Sadin and Rick Pearson**  
Chicago Tribune

Amid growing angst, anxiety and even annoyance over the continued sketchy details surrounding the Trump administration's threats to deploy forces into Chicago, Gov. JB Pritzker on Wednesday said he expects federal agents to assemble here by the end of the week, and suburban officials have been told to expect about 300 immigration agents to be sent to the area as part of increased operations.

"They haven't confirmed any of that to us, but what we're hearing is that they'll be assembled, ready to go on Friday, and that they will begin actions on Saturday," Pritzker said, referring to possible additional immigration enforcement in the Chicago area.

Pritzker's latest comments came after President Donald Trump once again said he wanted the two-term governor to ask him to send in the National Guard to help stem crime in Chicago — a move Pritzker has repeatedly vowed he would not do, arguing it's unnecessary and an authoritarian move to put troops on the streets of the nation's third-largest city.

While Trump has said the issue of sending troops to Chicago isn't political, his campaign team sent out a fundraising email Wednesday stating, "WE'RE GOING INTO CHICAGO" and declaring as "breaking news," "CHICAGO WILL BE LIBERATED."

The email sought donations of as little as \$15 to "join the MAGA Blitz and say: LIBERATE CHICAGO — SAVE AMERICA — STAND WITH TRUMP!"

"The Radical Left Governors and Mayors of crime ridden cities don't want to stop the radical crime. I wish they'd just give me a call. I'd gain respect for them," Trump was quoted in

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Doris Hernandez, left, and Dolores Castañeda, longtime community leaders in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood, distribute flyers on Sunday to alert residents of potential immigration raids and the steps they can take to protect themselves. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

## NATION & WORLD Deportation plan blocked

A federal appeals court panel has ruled that President Donald Trump cannot use an 18th-century wartime law to speed deportations. The decision blocking an administration priority is destined for a showdown at the U.S. Supreme Court.

■ Trump says troops may target New Orleans next

## Immigration advocates: Information is a lifeline

**By Laura Rodríguez Presa**  
Chicago Tribune

As the sun set on a recent evening, families lined up to buy *elotes* from Olga Martínez, a street vendor in Little Village, one of Chicago's largest immigrant neighborhoods.

She was still holding on to hope that President Donald Trump wouldn't follow through on his promise of militarized immigration arrests in the nation's third-largest city. But reality had

begun to sink in, she said, and she decided to close her cart Friday as news of federal agents coming to Chicago intensifies.

"That's if I don't hear about operations happening nearby sooner," she added, feeding leftover corn to pigeons at her feet. "I'm trying to save as much money as I can to stay home, because God knows how long they'll be here for."

A pamphlet with "Know Your Rights" information and other advice urging the community to

look out for one another hung on the front of her cart. "Get to know your neighbor," it read.

Information is a lifeline, advocates say.

"That's the only way we can resist and protect one another," said Dolores Castañeda, a longtime resident of Little Village and community leader. "We only have each other."

Castañeda and fellow organizer Doris Hernandez spent

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Kat Pence, 58, left, and Lorraine Jackson, 62, scream toward Lake Michigan during a Scream Club gathering near North Avenue Beach on Sunday in Chicago. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

# Beyond even their wildest screams

Weekly Chicago yelling club taps into needed catharsis, and now the concept is going global

**By Christopher Borrelli**  
Chicago Tribune

A screaming comes across the sky, and the volleyball players on North Avenue Beach stop at once and instinctively duck and stare out across the sand, as if a bomb went off in the distance. A bomb, in a sense, had gone off. A bomb packed with anxieties and loathing — a scream, in fact. Followed by more screams, each one a few

minutes apart, released by the 150 or so people lined up on the North Avenue jetty, facing the skyline.

Scream Club Chicago, which was not a thing when it began last June, and is now very much a thing, with chapters springing up around the world only nine weeks later, meets every Sunday evening at 7 p.m., to release the stress of the past week and face the new one. The group is a model of truth in advertising. You go to

Scream Club. You stand at the edge of Lake Michigan. You think about the fears you want to let go. You scream for a few minutes surrounded by strangers screaming alongside you. You return to your life.

The screams, the reason everyone assembles, when the screams come, after a few collective inhales and exhailes and a moment to gather one's thoughts, the screams come like long guttural howls. The volume is a shock if you're not expecting

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# Epstein survivors seek transparency

Victims gather on Capitol Hill, urging Congress to force release of files related to investigation

**By Stephen Groves**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Survivors of Jeffrey Epstein's sexual abuse made their voices heard Wednesday on Capitol Hill, pressuring lawmakers to force the release of the sex trafficking investigation into the late financier and pushing back President Donald Trump's effort to dismiss the issue as a "hoax."

In a news conference on the Capitol lawn that drew hundreds of supporters and chants of "release the files," the women shared — some publicly for the first time — how they were lured into Epstein's abuse by his former girlfriend Ghislaine Maxwell. They demanded that the Trump administration provide transparency and accountability for what they endured as teenagers.

It was a striking stand as the push for disclosure of the Epstein files reached a pivotal moment in Washington. Lawmakers

are battling over how Congress should delve into the Epstein saga while the Republican president, after initially signaling support for transparency on the campaign trail, has been dismissing the matter as a "Democrat hoax."

"No matter what you do it's going to keep going," Trump said Wednesday in the Oval Office. He added, "Really, I think it's enough."

But the survivors on Capitol Hill, as well as at least one of Trump's closest allies in Congress, disagreed. Some of the women pleaded for Trump to support their cause.

"It feels like you just want to explode inside because nobody, again, is understanding that this is a real situation. These women are real. We're here in person," said Haley Robson, one of the survivors, who said she is a registered Republican.

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