

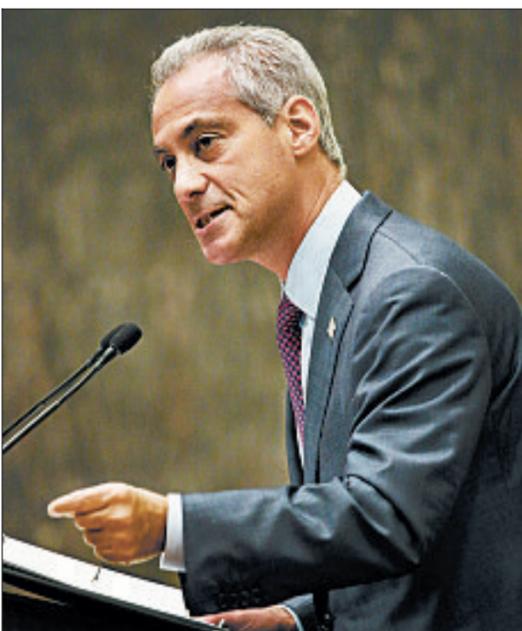
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BREAKING NEWS AT CHICAGOTRIBUNE.COM



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"I know this budget's tough and ... I know it carries political risk," Mayor Rahm Emanuel told aldermen Tuesday.

Mayor's budget dare to council

Emanuel: 'Our city would become unlivable' if no tax hikes

BY BILL RUTHHART, HAL DARDICK AND JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel called on the city's 50 aldermen Tuesday to summon the courage to pass the largest property tax increase in modern Chicago history, and told them they could sell it to voters by painting a dire, if not quite

dystopian, alternative.

If Emanuel cut the budget instead of raising taxes, then one out of five police officers would be dismissed. Half the fire stations shuttered. Rats would overrun graffiti-ridden alleys filled with overflowing Dumpsters as the city stopped rodent control and trash got picked up just twice a month. Streets would be riddled with even

more potholes and little money to fix them.

"Our city would become unlivable," Emanuel said. "That would be totally unacceptable."

The mayor's acceptable choice: increase property taxes by a record \$588 million over the next four years to shore up police and fire pensions, and approve an unprecedented series of other fee and tax increases

to help close the city's yearly budget shortfall. The other hits to Chicagoans' wallets range from a new garbage-hauling fee and building permit fee increases to a new tax on electronic cigarettes and ride-sharing and taxi fee increases.

"I know this budget's tough and therefore I know

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Arrieta gets No. 20



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jake Arrieta threw his third shutout of the season Tuesday as the Cubs beat the Brewers 4-0 at Wrigley Field. Arrieta became the first Cubs pitcher to win 20 games since Jon Lieber went 20-6 in 2001. **Chicago Sports**

Breuder had private locker room built

Addition replaced ADA-equipped room at center

Inspired by COD College severance packages are limited. **Page 12**

BY JODI S. COHEN AND STACY ST. CLAIR
Chicago Tribune

After spending \$24 million to upgrade the College of DuPage's fitness center, President Robert Breuder wanted one more renovation.

The community college president decided he needed a private changing area — and then spent thousands of dollars last year to transform a handicapped-accessible, family bathroom into a locker room to be used exclusively by him and select senior administrators.

Amid all of the controversies over lavish spending at the college — including Breuder's much-criticized wine bills and hunt club outings — the bathroom renovations went largely unnoticed. A

sign outside the door, secured by a keypad, said, "Authorized personnel only."

At about \$15,000, the renovations — completed last fall — were not as pricey as Breuder's other vanity projects, including a new, well-appointed office suite, a \$220,000 wall that chronicled his and prior presidents' accomplishments, and his decision to open a high-end restaurant on campus where he then expensed hundreds of thousands of dollars in meals and drinks to his internal house expense account.

But the private bathroom, documented in records obtained by the Tribune under the Freedom of Information Act,

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Pope arrives in America

President Barack Obama and his family welcomed Pope Francis at Joint Base Andrews, Md., on Tuesday as the pontiff arrived for his first visit to the U.S. Officials are bracing for record crowds in the three cities Francis will visit during his trip. **Nation and World**, Page 15

CUBS BRING FANS TO THEIR FEET

Got last-minute ticket hopes? Here's the score on standing room only

BY RACHEL CROSBY
Chicago Tribune

Can't stand to miss the Cubs during their final homestand this week? You may have to — literally.

Standing-room-only tickets could be your best chance, because as the regular season comes to a close, seated tickets are going quick. Just before Friday's early afternoon Cubs-Cardinals matchup, standing-room tickets were all the box office offered.

IN CHICAGO SPORTS

■ Addison Russell continues to grow at short for the Cubs.

■ Stop the concerts, save the Cubs: The Wrigley concert era should end now, writes Paul Sullivan



(And they were \$35 each for about 300 spots, but prices and availability vary per game).

As for the postseason, don't count on standing room to be your secret

savior. Cubs officials said they may be available only through a lottery, if at all.

So are they worth it if you want to catch the Cubs before the playoffs? And if you buy them, how do you navigate the ballpark once you're in?

First, since prices do fluctuate per game, it's good to know what you get for the money. There are no specific standing-room-only sections at Wrigley Field. Instead, the tickets grant you access to the entire horseshoe of the "Terrace reserved" area, which is the midlevel walkway situated above the lower-level seats and sheltered by the upper deck.

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