Appendix G
Notification Materials
(Direct Mailer, Transit Card, E-mail Blast, Newspaper Ads, Legal Notice, Village and Library Flyer, Media Release)
PROJECT OVERVIEW
After nearly 100 years of reliable service, the North Red and Purple Lines infrastructure is significantly past its useful life. Constructed between 1900 and 1922, these two lines provide a backbone of service to neighborhoods along the north lake shore. Together, the North Red and Purple Lines carry over 128,000 rail trips on an average weekday. This heavily relied upon transit service carries over 19 percent of all CTA rail trips on weekdays and 23 percent of all CTA rail trips on the weekend.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS OVERVIEW
CTA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have initiated this federal environmental process pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and are preparing a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. This planning level EIS will help confirm the components of the project and support decisions about the entire Red Purple Modernization program. It will build upon the North Red and Purple Lines vision study that occurred from fall 2009 to fall 2010. The over 1,100 public comments received during the vision study helped shape the Tier 1 EIS alternatives. A Tier 1 EIS addresses broad, overall corridor issues such as general location, mode choice, land use impacts, and cumulative effects. The Tier 1 EIS is proposed to evaluate at least six alternatives: 1) No Action, 2) Basic Rehabilitation, 3) Rehabilitation with Transfer Stations, 4) Modernization 4-Track, 5) Modernization 3-Track and 6) Modernization 2-Track Underground. The Tier 1 EIS will describe the alternatives, the existing environmental setting, the potential impacts from construction and operation of each alternative and proposed mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate potential impacts. After this EIS process is complete, component projects can be implemented more quickly with specific project-level environmental documentation.

WHAT IS SCOPING?
You are invited to attend a public scoping meeting to learn more about the project and to provide feedback on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and potential effects and mitigation measures to be included in the Tier 1 EIS. The process of determining the scope, focus and content of an EIS is known as “scoping.” During the scoping process residents, as well as city, county, state, and federal agencies have an opportunity to provide feedback and comments. The purpose of the scoping process is to:
  • Identify public and agency concerns early in the environmental process
  • Define the issues and alternatives that will be examined in the EIS
  • Save time in the overall process and facilitate an efficient EIS preparation process.

STUDY TEAM
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MEETING AGENDA AND FORMAT
Open House: Learn about the project, review vision study outcomes and talk with project staff.

SUBMIT COMMENTS
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Modernization
Red Purple Modernization Project
Proyecto de Modernización de las Líneas Roja y Púrpura

PROPOSED TIER 1 EIS ALTERNATIVES:
No Action Alternative
Maintains the status quo.
Includes the absolute minimum repairs required to keep the lines functional; alternative is used as a basis for comparison for the other alternatives.

Basic Rehabilitation Alternative
Provides strategic mix of repairs, rehabilitation and replacement for a useful life of 20 years

Basic Rehabilitation with Transfer Stations Alternative
Same as Basic Rehabilitation Alternative plus the addition of transfer stations at Wilson and Loyola

Modernization 4-Track Alternative
Provides modern amenities at stations, increases speed of service, includes new transfer stations at Wilson and Loyola and major repairs, reconstructions and new construction would extend the useful life to 60-80 years

Modernization 3-Track Alternative
Similar improvements as Modernization 4-Track Alternative except with 3-tracks in the North Red Line area and no reverse-commute express service. Includes many of the same station amenities and with less right-of-way acquisition

Modernization 2-Track Underground Alternative
Similar improvements as Modernization 4-Track Alternative except with a 2-track subway for the North Red Line area between Belmont and Loyola and 2-track elevated between Loyola and Howard

ALTERNATIVAS PROPOSTAS DE LA EIS A NIVEL 1:

- Alternativa con Obra Mínimas
  Mantiene la situación actual. Incluye las mismas mejoras y absolutamente necesarias para mantener las líneas en buen estado de funcionamiento; la alternativa se usa para fines de comparación con las otras alternativas.

- Alternativa de Rehabilitación Básica
  Proporciona una mezcla estratégica de rehabilitaciones, reparaciones, y repuestos para alcanzar una vida útil de 20 años.

- Rehabilitación Básica con la Alternativa de Estaciones de Transbordo
  La misma que la Alternativa de Rehabilitación Básica, además de la incorporación de esta- ciones de transbordo en Wilson y Loyola.

- Alternativa de Modernización de 4 vías
  Proporciona comodidades modernas en las estaciones, aumenta la velocidad del servicio, incluye las estaciones de transbordo en Wilson y Loyola, y las reparaciones mayores, la reconstrucción y la nueva construcción prolongarían la vida útil hasta 60-80 años.

- Alternativa de Modernización de 3 vías
  Similar a la Alternativa de Modernización de 4 vías con excepción de las tres vías en el área de la Línea Roja al Norte y sin servicio directo para el viaje diario de vuelta del trabajo. Incluye muchas de las mismas comodidades de estación con menos adquisición de la servidumbre de paso.

- Alternativa de Modernización de 2 vías subterráneas
  Mejoras parecidas a las de la Alternativa de Modernización de 4 vías, con excepción del tren subterráneo de 2 vías para el área en la Línea Roja al Norte entre Belmont y Loyola y las 2 vías del tren elevado entre Loyola y Howard.

REUNIONES DE INVOLUCRAMIENTO: FECHAS Y LUGARES

**LUNES, 24 DE ENERO DE 2011**
Desde las 6:00 a las 8:30 p.m.

**UPTOWN**
St. Augustine College
1345 W. Argyle St.
Chicago, IL 60640

**CHICAGO SERVIRÁ A ESTE LUGAR POR**
Línea Roja, #223, #362, #92;
Líneas al Norte de la Unión Pacífica de Metra

**MIÉRCOLES, 26 DE ENERO DE 2011**
Desde las 6:00 a las 8:30 p.m.

**ROGERS PARK**
New Field Primary School
1707 W. Morse Ave.
Chicago, IL 60625

**EDGECAM**
Nelson-Swaim High School
5800 N. Glenwood Ave.
Chicago, IL 60630

**SE BRINDA SERVICIO A ESTE LUGAR POR**
Línea Roja, #22, #36, #84
Líneas al Norte de la Unión Pacífica de Metra

**JUEVES, 27 DE ENERO DE 2011**
Desde las 6:00 p.m. a las 8:30 p.m.

**EVANSTON**
Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center
1552 Foster St.
Evanston, IL 60201

**SE BRINDA SERVICIO A ESTE LUGAR POR**
Línea Púrpura, #93, #208 (Pace)
Líneas al Norte de la Unión Pacífica de Metra

ORDEN DEL DÍA Y FORMATO

Presentación al público: Venga para enterarse del proyecto, repasar los resultados del estudio de la misión, y hablar con el personal del proyecto. Habrá la oportunidad para hacer comentarios que consten formalmente en el acta pública.

ENTREGAR SUS COMENTARIOS
Además de los comentarios sobre el alcance de la EIS que se harán en la reunión, se aceptarán comentarios por escrito. Para evitar el tiempo de recorrido, a mejor acceso a los mercados de trabajo, a mejorar más la infraestructura de tránsito, a dar acceso a las personas con incapacidades, y a apoyar las iniciativas de desarrollo económico del área.

**REUNION GENERAL DEL PROYECTO**
Después de casi 100 años de servicio fiable, la infraestructura de la Línea Roja al Norte y de la Púrpura ya ha sobrepasado con creces su vida útil. Construidas entre 1900 y 1922, estas dos líneas constituyen la vía principal de la cual se brinda servicio a los vecindarios ubicados por la orilla del lago hacia el norte. En conjunto, la Línea Roja al Norte y la Púrpura hacen más de 138,000 viajes ferroviarios promedio en un día típico de entre semana. Este servicio de tránsito con que cuentan muchos visitantes hace más de 19 por ciento de todos los viajes de la CTA por tren en la semana y 23 por ciento de todos los viajes de la CTA por tren en los fines de semana.

La Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) se propone hacer mejoras a la Línea Roja al Norte y la Púrpura con el fin de mejorar la infraestructura de tránsito ya existente para que entre en buenas condiciones de funcionamiento desde la estación de Belmont al norte hasta la terminal de Linden (9.5 millas). El proyecto se dedica a reducir el tiempo de recorrido, a mejorar acceso a los mercados de trabajo, a mejorar más la infraestructura de tránsito, a dar acceso a las personas con incapacidades, y a apoyar las iniciativas de desarrollo económico del área.

La CTA y la Administración Federal de Tránsito (conocida en inglés por sus siglas “FTA”) han iniciado este proyecto federal medioambiental, de acuerdo a la Ley sobre la Política Nacional Medioambiental (conocida en inglés por sus siglas “NEPA”), y están en vías de elaborar una Declaración sobre el Efecto Medioambiental a Nivel 1 (conocida en inglés por sus siglas “EIS”) para el proyecto. La planificación de la EIS a este nivel ayudará a confirmar los elementos del proyecto y servirá de fundamento para lo que se tengan sobre el programa entero de Modernización Roja-Púrpura. Desarrollará en detalle como se llega a las alternativas utilizadas para Wilson y la Púrpura que se llevó a cabo desde el otoño del 2009 hasta el otoño 2010. Se recibieron más de 1,100 comentarios por parte del público durante el estudio de la misión, los cuales ayudaron a dar forma a las alternativas de la EIS a Nivel 1. Una EIS a Nivel 1 aborda las cuestiones amplias de la misión, la selección de modo, los efectos de uso sobre la tierra, y los efectos acumulados. La EIS a Nivel 1 se propone evaluar al menos seis alternativas: 1) la alternativa con obras mínimas; 2) la rehabilitación básica; 3) la rehabilitación con estaciones de transbordo; 4) la Modernización de 4 vías; 5) la Modernización de 3 vías; y 6) la Modernización de 2 vías subterráneas. La EIS a Nivel 1 detallará las alternativas, el contexto medioambiental existente, los efectos posibles de la construcción y la realización de cada alternativa, y las medidas atenuadoras propuestas para disminuir o eliminar los efectos deseados de las alternativas. Después de terminar el proceso de la EIS, se pueden instalar los elementos del proyecto con mayor rapidez con la documentación medioambiental específica a nivel del proyecto.

¿QUÉ ES EL INVOLUCRAMIENTO AL PÚBLICO?
El involucramiento al público es definido como el conjunto de acciones relacionadas a la involucramiento al público, con el fin de informarse en más detalle sobre el proyecto y de expresar sus opiniones sobre las variadas alternativas propuestas, los consejos del público, los temas propuestos de evaluación, los efectos negativos posibles, y las medidas atenuadoras que pueden ser implementadas para la EIS a Nivel 1. Se conoce este proceso para determinar el alcance, el enfoque, y el contenido de una EIS como “el involucramiento al público”. Durante el proceso de involucramiento, los residentes, así como las agencias municipales, condales, estatales, federales, y locales, tienen la oportunidad para expresar sus opiniones y hacer comentarios.

- Aviso formado de involucramiento que tiene los siguientes objetivos:
  - Identificar los temas que preocupan al público y a las agencias gubernamentales temporalmente durante el proceso de evaluación medioambiental;
  - Definir las cuestiones y las alternativas que serán estudiadas en la EIS;
  - Ahorrar tiempo en el proceso general y agilizar el proceso de elaborar una EIS para que sea más eficiente.

En el evento de la EIS a Nivel 1, se puede solicitar a la CTA y la administración Federal de Tránsito (conocida en inglés por sus siglas “EIS”) para el proyecto. La planificación de la EIS a Nivel 1 se propone evaluar al menos seis alternativas: 1) la alternativa con obras mínimas; 2) la rehabilitación básica; 3) la rehabilitación con estaciones de transbordo; 4) la Modernización de 4 vías; 5) la Modernización de 3 vías; y 6) la Modernización de 2 vías subterráneas. La EIS a Nivel 1 detallará las alternativas, el contexto medioambiental existente, los efectos posibles de la construcción y la realización de cada alternativa, y las medidas atenuadoras propuestas para disminuir o eliminar los efectos deseados de las alternativas. Después de terminar el proceso de la EIS, se pueden instalar los elementos del proyecto con mayor rapidez con la documentación medioambiental específica a nivel del proyecto.

ADAPTACIONES PARA LAS PERSONAS CON INCAPACIDADES Y POR MOTIVOS DE IDIOMA
Todos estos lugares de reunión dan acceso a personas con incapacidades. Para recibir una versión de formato asequible de esta notificación, o en caso de que haya necesidad de intérprete, incluido el servicio de traducción por señas, u otras adaptaciones que permitirán la participación en esta reunión, comuníquese con Jeff Wilson, Oficial de Relaciones Gubernamentales y Comunitarias de la CTA, cuyo número telefónico es 312-681-2712 o a jeffwilson@transitchicago.com.
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Environmental Impact Statement

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## CRIME

### Skokie man without law degree served as attorney in many cases

A Skokie man who authorities say falsely sold his services as a lawyer in more than 60 Cook County cases was indicted Tuesday on charges of forgery and falsely impersonating a lawyer. Tahir Malik, 47, of Skokie has been held at the Cook County Jail since Dec. 17 on a contempt of court and false impersonation charge, a release from the Cook County Sheriff’s office stated.

Evidence linked him to more than 60 cases at the Skokie and Bridgeview courthouses, the release said.

On Tuesday, Malik was formally charged with two counts of forgery and one count of false personation of a lawyer, Cook County State’s Attorney’s office spokesman Andy Conklin said. He’ll appear for arraignment Jan. 31.

Earlier this year, a sheriff’s deputy testified that staff at the Skokie courthouse grew suspicious of Malik and found he was not licensed to practice law after questioning him.

“No one suspected anything for years because he did everything right — except obtain a law degree,” Sheriff Tom Dart said in a release.

Documents in his possession and an investigation now tie him to more than 60 cases, including traffic court, mortgage foreclosures and low-level criminal cases at the Skokie and Bridgeview courthouses, and at the Daley Center, along with hearings of various city boards, the release said.

Some deceived clients have been identified and contacted to determine how much has been paid to Malik for his so-called legal work. Investigators believe he has charged $500 to $4,500 cash per case, the release stated. He is believed to have handled cases, entered pleas on clients' behalf and represented them at sentencing when they received community service.

Malik was convicted of burglary and served time in prison. He has also been previously charged with theft, shoplifting and criminal trespass, the release stated.

“The sheriff’s office has established a hotline at (773) 869-6466 for others who may have been affected.”

### Skokie hosting ‘quit smoking’ classes

Almost every year, quitting smoking makes it to the top of the most popular New Year’s resolutions, usually falling behind only getting in shape.

What better way to start off 2011 by adopting a healthier lifestyle? For those who choose to stop smoking and don’t want to go it alone, the village of Skokie is holding a six-day smoking cessation clinic at the Skokie Village Hall starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The program, which has run in both Skokie and Evanston for the past 27 years, offers smokers help quitting for good — but only if participants are ready to kick the habit cold turkey. And nicotine-replacement aids like Nicorette gum or patches are not allowed.

“It’s a total abstinence program, so they quit when they start the first session and they quit to stay quit,” Zabin said. “Our goal is to get the nicotine completely out of the system.”

The first session of the clinic is the most important because it focuses on the educational aspect of smoking and how nicotine affects the body, Zabin said.

“We look at why people smoke, we look at the triggers, and what it does to the heart, the lungs, the whole body system. We give them a ton of information they probably didn’t want to know about but need to know,” Zabin said.

To address the psychological withdrawal symptoms such as irritability and anxiety that often accompany people in the process of quitting, Zabin’s advice is to stick it out, because the average craving only lasts seven minutes and within three days of someone’s last cigarette, nicotine completely leaves the body.

He also personally calls each participant regularly to offer his support and make sure they haven’t given in to the urge.

“I’m proving to people that they can get through that day without a cigarette,” Zabin said.

The clinic was first started by Zabin’s business partner, Joel Spitzer. Zabin took over after Spitzer’s recent retirement.

The success rate of participants who went through the program and have remained non-smokers for at least a year is upwards of 60 percent.

Zabin, whose resume boasts an impressive list of work in the addiction and quitting smoking field, said about 10 years ago the clinic would usually see 30-40 participants per session, but in recent years as smoking has become less socially acceptable, he has seen a large decline in how many people sign up.

“It’s not because more people don’t want to quit, but...”

### Retrofitting cold, drafty homes with insulation is a good investment

According to the US Department of Energy, only 20% of homes built before 1980 are well insulated. These older homes lose more heat during the winter months which accounts for the largest portion of a typical utility bill. Retrofitting these older homes with insulation can save homeowners up to 50% on their utility bills while keeping the home more comfortable year-round.

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Poison center offers advice, a calm voice

Hot line receives 250 calls a day

By Deborah L. Shaltout

The story started normally for a young woman who had driven across state lines with her four-year-old holding a bottle of Tylenol missing. A frantic father wondered if he should force his little girl to vomit for dozens of families across the nation's largest poison center, which serves one of the largest populations of the nation's poison centers. A common mistake was experienced by a father about his wife, who had been drinking an entire bottle of over-the-counter pain reliever, the child took four cardiac pills instead.

Source: Illinois Poison Center

The man and the caller he spoke to was told to head to the hospital if the child was lethargic; otherwise he likely would suffer no effects. Because of the symptoms described of symptoms from Tylenol, the calls would be handled by specially trained nurses, who would talk the child's blood levels could be checked. The black band with what had taken the pills was shifted during transport and still interrelated information. The other information center was founded in Chicago. Illinois Poison Center operated six centers in the state. Illinois Poison Center operated a free 24-hour hotline for experts, including doctors, nurses, monitors and pharmacists. In Illinois Poison Center handled 241 calls one recent day. Here are 2009.

CALLS FOR HELP

8 to 8:59 a.m.: A woman was told to go to an emergency room because her child got into the refrigerator and swallowed a large amount of something.

7 to 7:59 a.m.: A toddler swallowed an entire bottle of over-the-counter pain reliever.

6 to 6:59 a.m.: A woman called because she had been taking the drug for four days. She had been prescribed the medication for four days.

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the storefront/office alternative is not a branch library, but a location to which the library could bring services. It’s a beginning from which to build.”

On the heels of a year-long struggle to maintain branch services, news of the South Branch closure was not well-received by many Evanston residents, including many seniors, internet users and the special-needs students of Park School who use the library for weekly outings, EPLF said. Just before the holidays, EPLF made a financial offer of support to the Library Board to continue the lease at the current South Branch location. However, the group reported, the landlord has already found a new tenant and closure is imminent.

EPLF says it feels there are “many details to explore” under both its proposals and is “eager for the Board’s input, which they hope to get at the next Library Board meeting [tonight, Jan. 19].

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A father spotted his young daughter eating pain relief tablets. He was so worried about her forehead hold, a package with six Children’s Tylenols missing. A frantic phone call led her to an emergency room. And, after vomiting, there was a heavy smell of gas and he realized he had been exposed to caustic chemical on his arm. He got into the mother’s purse and accidentally took a sip from a cup that contained effervescent denture cleaning tablets.

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Rabbi sues the Army to keep his beard

By Adam Kredo
Washington Jewish Week

WASHINGTON — Menachem Stern’s bushy black beard is at the center of a federal court case.

Stern, 29, a Chabad-Lubavitch rabbi from Brooklyn, N.Y., filed suit recently against the U.S. Army saying that a no-beard restriction violates his religious freedom.

In January 2009, Stern applied to become a chaplain in the Army, which has been historically short on Jewish spiritual leaders.

That June, his application was accepted, according to a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., with one condition: He must shave his beard to comport with Army regulations prohibiting facial hair.

An Orthodox Jew who is prevented by halachah, or Jewish law, from shaving his facial hair, Stern maintains the Army’s requirement that he be clean shaven is overly burdensome and violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, as well as the First Amendment’s Establishment Clause.

But rules are rules, the Army asserts, and Stern — like the 550,000 other enlisted personnel — must adhere to the military’s strict regulations if he wishes to serve.

Stern, however, argues that his journey through the Army’s bureaucracy has revealed widespread contradictions in the way its policies are applied to service members. Enlistees from other religions, he said, have been granted facial hair exemptions in the past.

From the outset, Stern explained in an interview, he made it clear that his beard is fundamental to his faith.

“By not trimming my beard, I represent the unadulterated view of the holy Torah, the way we believe a person should live,” Stern wrote in his original chaplain application. “It is the strength Jews have retained of traditions for thousands of years.”

After submitting his application, Stern then filed a formal request to be exempted from shaving his facial hair, according to court documents.

In his request, Stern points to Leviticus chapter 19, noting that as a Chabad-Lubavitch rabbi, Stern is required to maintain a beard as part of his religious practices.
Black educators and scholars remain divided over the decision to purge the “n-word” from Mark Twain’s classic “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.” The years of critical acclaim—and disdain—of the use of that and other racial epithets in the text have lead to the widespread banning of the book in the nation’s school districts. Now a major publisher has announced it will replace incendiary words with more acceptable ones in a new edition of Huck Finn. Alabama-based NewSouth Publishing announced in early January it will replace 200-plus n-word references in “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” with “slave” and other less offensive phrases. Since its publishing in 1885, literary critics have struggled to determine whether the book is an attack on racism or a satirical confirmation of stereotypes rampant during the late 1800s. According to the American Library Association, a nonprofit group that promotes library education worldwide, “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” was the fifth most banned book during the 1990s. But, Syracuse University professor and cultural commentator Boyce Watkins said he believes removing the “n-word” makes the text more palatable for today’s school children and there

brilliant novel without using this word 219 times? I think that you can,” Watkins told CNN. “The question for me also is whether or not it makes sense to force kids in school to hear this word over and over again to make that point. When I was in high school, I wouldn’t have wanted to read that book. I think [NewSouth Publishing] made the right move.” The publisher stood behind its decision to pull the hot-button word, citing Dr. Alan Gribben, internationally recognized Mark Twain scholar, who approves of the revised text. “At NewSouth, we saw the value in an edition that would help the works find new readers,” company officials wrote. “If the publication sparks good debate about how language impacts learning or about the nature of censorship or the way in which racial slurs exercise their baneful influence, then our mission in publishing this new edition of Twain’s works will be more emphatically fulfilled.” While removing the word may make Twain’s work more appropriate for younger readers, some African-American scholars say NewSouth’s modified edition “whitewashes” an American masterpiece and creates a stew of the stand during the trial, but one was a pathologist who conducted the autopsy of Albert. Dr. Hilary opportunity to be the “top cop.” Rice said Washington created many policies that increased the Jones; and two granddaughters.

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De Jesus opts out, supports Chico

The Rev. Wilfredo de Jesus—who is known for his strong support of gay rights and was spotted out with the other candidates in the race for Chicago mayor in Jan. 7 and thrown his support behind Gery Chico, according to ABC.

De Jesus, the minister of New Life Covenant Church, said that Chicago is at a crossroads. “It is for this reason that I wholeheartedly support Gery Chico in his bid to become the next mayor of the City of Chicago,” he said.

Chico responded by saying that he would be partnering with Reverend de Jesus and people in the faith-based community to make better lives for people throughout the city.

The minister garnered controversy in 2009 when he was among those considered to be 26th Ward alderman to replace Billy Ocasio. (Roberto Maldonado was selected.) New Life has taken a hard line against same-sex relationships. According to a position paper on gays and lesbians by the Assemblies of God—which with the church is affiliated—”[h]omosexual behavior is sin because it is disobedient to scriptural teachings” and “[h]omosexual behavior is sin because it is contrary to God’s created order for the family and human relationships,” among other beliefs. In addition, de Jesus commented in an October 2008 Christianity Today article that “opposing abortion and homosexuality [had] been the paramount moral issues for him” until the treatment of illegal immigrants captured his attention.

Campaign co-chair Todd Connor told Windy City Times Jan. 10 that “Gery Chico has been an unequivocal advocate for LGBT rights, and his history and record on LGBT issues is absolutely consistent, public and very progressive. He’s made it very clear to [De Jesus] that he doesn’t agree with that candidate on those issues.”

“Campaigns are about support; wherever you get support, you want it. It is no reflection of [Chico’s] value system that he has [De Jesus’] support.”

On Jan. 9, U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez endorsed Chico, calling him “by far the most qualified candidate in the race.” Gutierrez added, “No other candidate has balanced 16 budgets. No other candidate has built bridges across racial, ethnic and geographic lines like Gery has. Gery Chico is simply the best candidate to lead Chicago right now.”

Andrew Davis

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Protest at Equality Illinois event

BY YASMN NAI rich

The Equality Illinois First Friday event is a monthly gathering designed to raise funds and bring members of the organization together in a social setting at the Boyett nightspot Sidetrack.

Rick Garcia, the political policy director of Equality Illinois, was fired in late December, and the board decision came after the organization called to call for a protest Jan. 7, the first such scheduled event of the year.

Two protestors with a sign stood outside in the frigid cold while approximately 50 members of Equality Illinois gathered inside. On the sign were the words, “No public policy director ... unknown lobbyist on retainer; name background unknown; no means to achieve goals; ten dollar donation requested. What’s wrong with this picture?”

William Schendel, the organizer of the protest, said he was there because everything seems very fishy. I’m upset that Rick’s not there. He’s done a wonderful job. Everything’s in limbo. What’s the CEO [Bernard Cherkasov] doing there? He’s posted a job description for the public policy director financi, and admin. He’s done some things to try and bolster their position, but they haven’t done anything.

He was critical of Cherkasov, saying that “Bernard has a right to his differences with Garcia. Both men said they had not spoken directly to either one before the meeting. Both men spoke of his long friendship with Garcia. Both men said that they would like to see him stay on the board.

Stuckey, a member of Equality Illinois, made his differences with them clear and there was a brief and heated exchange of words. Stuckey said to the two men, “It’s an employment issue; it’s not about the work that he’s done. It’s between Rick Garcia and the board of Equality Illinois.” Responding to Schendel’s question, “What have they done?” he said, “This legislature hasn’t been in session so there’s nothing to do. Even President Obama’s been in Hawaii .... Would you want your employment issues handled by the media if you had a problem? You can’t protest something you can’t find information on: you should know your facts.” Elaborating to Windy City Times, he said that “Rick Garcia has done great work but obviously something has been done that they decided that they needed to sever that tie.”

Another Equality Illinois member, Mike Scenning, said that he had spoken to the CEO’s experience.”

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Campaign co-chair Todd Connor told Windy City Times Jan. 10 that “Gery Chico has been an unequivocal advocate for LGBT rights, and his history and record on LGBT issues is absolutely consistent, public and very progressive. He’s made it very clear to [De Jesus] that he doesn’t agree with that candidate on those issues.”

“Campaigns are about support; wherever you get support, you want it. It is no reflection of [Chico’s] value system that he has [De Jesus’] support.”

On Jan. 9, U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez endorsed Chico, calling him “by far the most qualified candidate in the race.” Gutierrez added, “No other candidate has balanced 16 budgets. No other candidate has built bridges across racial, ethnic and geographic lines like Gery has. Gery Chico is simply the best candidate to lead Chicago right now.”

Andrew Davis
A family based in Chicago is fighting against the battle with eye cancer. Brendan, a 2-year-old, was diagnosed with retinoblastoma last month. Since then, both parents, Shannon and Brendan, have been working closely with doctors to ensure the best possible outcome for Brendan.

The evidence was right in front of the family. Shannon, 32, an account representative for S&S Acti-on, met with a representative for S&S Action at the Old Town School of Folk Music's Armitage Avenue location, where Shannon also teaches. Although a group has formed its own recent list, A. Sharp, A. Sharp, and oth-er hearing issues, Shannon took four months to get support for the group started. He said he was afraid to do it on his own because of the seriousness of the condition.

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**Sounding the call for support**

**Musician forms tinnitus group**

By Kevin Beason

Joel Stynes gets a break from the constant A-sharp that has echoed in the shower. For four years, the 57-year-old Stynes has suffered from tinnitus, a ringing in the ears that can be an oversensitivity to certain sounds.

“I am one of the clearest cases you will ever see,” said the 57-year-old Stynes who grasped of his head at least twice a day during the past year. Stynes has come to terms with the condition he attributes to a lifetime of music, not noting any other family members with tinnitus.

He said that the A-sharp, which has been in his ear for many years, has become more and more depressing (hearing of tinnitus was coined in 1860 with tinnitus). Stynes said he has come to terms with the condition he attributes to a lifetime of music, and he noted no other family members with tinnitus.

The Great American Music Assn. Group will have a meeting this month at the Old Town School of Folk Music, 1655 Foster St., where Stynes will speak. He said he was afraid of it on his own because of the consequences of the condition.

**It definitely limits your life!**

Joel Stynes, 57, who has tinnitus, said he no longer can hear the music he loves. He said he’s been afraid of the condition but has now come to terms with it.

**Family seeks to raise awareness of retinoblastoma**

By Paul LaTour

The couple noticed there in the photos that their son’s right eye was drifting along. Ever since Brendan’s left eye was red, parents, Tim and Danielle Shannon, of Bensenville, had his eye examined by a pediatrician that month to see why his eye was turning in.

They suspected it might be retinoblastoma. It was in his left pupil. Because of that, Shields said that white pupils are a sign of retinoblastoma, the most common cause of childhood eye cancer.

**Drowning the call for support**

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**LUNO CANCER**

Health professionals from the Coleman Foundation are collaborating with the Coleman Cancer Center at Lurie Children’s Hospital to further study and improve outcomes for breast cancer patients. The Coleman Cancer Center at Lurie Children’s Hospital will discuss the latest in minimally invasive surgery and radiation therapy treatments. 6 p.m., Wednesday, Uptown Academic Center, 600 S. Paulina. Registration required. Free. Call 312-674-7876.

**BRIDGES**

Dr. Dennis Stynes will offer a two-day hands-on workshop at the Coleman Cancer Center. A light healthy dinner will be served on Friday and Wednesday. Jan. 7, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., 5374 N. Western Ave. Free. Call 773-674-6247 or 312-674-7876.

**BARIATRIC INFO**

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Area House members react to Arizona murders, shooting of Giffords

The shooting of Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords at a public appearance in Tucson Saturday, severely wounding her and, as of Monday, killing six others provoked strong and immediate reactions from members of the newly seated 112th Congress.

Those dead include a 9-year-old girl and federal Judge John M. Roll. A 22-year-old Arizona man, Jared Loughner, has been charged with multiple counts of murder and attempted murder.

“My thoughts and prayers go out to Congresswoman Giffords, her family, staff and constituents involved in this senseless shooting in Arizona,” said Rep. Robert Dold, R-10th. “My condolences are extended to those killed during this tragic event, including Judge Roll. This is a sad day for the people of Arizona, the federal judicial system, the United States House of Representatives and the nation.

“As officials, it is one of the greatest honors to represent the needs and concerns of our residents, and we will not allow the deplorable actions of one to effect our ability to serve our districts, states and country.”

Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-9th, said, “I am horrified at the news that several people, including my colleague Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, were shot today in Tucson, Arizona, some of them fatally. My heart goes out to the families, friends and colleagues of the individuals who were injured or killed in this terrible act of violence. I hold them all in my thoughts and prayers.

“Gabrielle Giffords is a smart and effective Congresswoman, extremely friendly, and very popular with her colleagues. She is a refreshing and thoughtful voice in the Congress and is dedicated to the people of her district to whom she is always accessible. Congresswoman Giffords conducts herself in a dignified, civil manner and with a kind demeanor; making it particularly shocking that she would be the target of such violence. I pray for her full recovery.”

Rep. Don Manzullo, R-16th, said, “We are shocked and saddened by the shooting of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and others this morning during a meeting she was hosting with her constituents at a local supermarket. Congresswoman Giffords and I serve together on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and she is well liked and well respected by all who know her. We pray for a speedy recovery for Congresswoman Giffords and the other injured as we mourn those who lost their lives today in this senseless tragedy.”

Joe Walsh, R-8th, said his thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families. He called the shooting in Arizona “incredibly tragic.”

“It was an attack on all of us who serve,” Walsh said. “We come home and get in front of our constituents all the time.”

Throughout his campaign for office, Walsh held town hall meetings and other public events to connect with the citizens of the 8th District. He said the shooting in Arizona will not deter him from continuing to hold public events.

— Staff reports
Having babies close together could raise risk for autism

BY MONIFA THOMAS
Health Reporter/mjthomas@suntimes.com

Second-born children conceived within one year of their older sibling’s birth are more likely to be diagnosed with autism than children born farther apart, new research suggests.

The study, published online today in the journal Pediatrics, is believed to be the first to indicate that closely spaced pregnancies might be an independent risk factor for autism in second-born children.

“We don’t yet know from this research what it is specifically about interpregnancy interval that matters, but this may provide an important clue about potentially modifiable risk factors for autism,” lead study author Keeley Cheslack-Postava, of Columbia University, wrote in an e-mail.

The findings are based on birth records for more than 660,000 children born in California between 1992 and 2002.

Children with autistic older siblings were excluded from the study.

Researchers found that children conceived within a year of their sibling’s birth were three times more likely to be diagnosed with autism than those conceived after at least three years.

The trend held when researchers controlled for other known risk factors, such as parental age and prematurity.

The increase in autism risk may be related to depleted levels of folate, iron and other nutrients, as well as higher stress levels, in women who have had a recent pregnancy, Cheslack-Postava said. It could also be that autism symptoms are more easily recognized and diagnosed when there is an older sibling close in age to compare to.
Por Shanti Horóscopo ViveHoy

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En presencia de los miembros de las autoridades, la CTA presentará las mejoras que se proponen realizar en las estructuras ya existentes para que entren en buenas condiciones de funcionamiento desde la estructura de las vías hasta las estaciones. La CTA también presentará los estudios medioambientales que se estarán realizando para la revisión de la línea Roja y el filtro de la línea Púrpura.

En las reuniones se presentarán las mismas propuestas, con temática similar, en todas las comunidades. Estarán presentes representantes de la CTA y de otros sectores implicados en el proyecto. Los residentes y el público en general serán invitados a hacer comentarios sobre los cambios que se proponen en las vías. Se aceptarán escritos para complementar lo que se ha dicho en las reuniones.

Se ha tomado el cuidado de preparar un horario equitativo y lo más amigable posible, con el fin de no saturar a la comunidad durante demasiado tiempo. Las reuniones serán de una hora y media en promedio.

En caso de urgencias, se puede solicitar que se hagan con servicio de emergencia.

Los interesados en participar en las reuniones pueden comunicarse o escribir a la dirección de la CTA: Chicago Transit Authority, 120 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60603.
Wednesday, January 12, cont’d

Halsted’s Bar & Grill: $5.95 half-pound turkey burger & tots; $4.50 22-oz. Miller Lite draft; $10 Miller Lite pitchers; $5 SoCo Lime shots; half-price bottles/wine.

Hunters/Elk Grove: $4.50 u-call-its.

Jack’s on Halsted: Open mic 9pm.

Man’s Country: $10 lockers, $15 single room, $20 deluxe video rooms; free STD/HIV testing 9pm-midnight by TPAN.

Office/Rockford: $2 Budweiser/Captain Morgan; karaoke 10pm.

Sidetrack: “Best of Sidetrack Mix” 8pm.

Steamworks: $7/locker rental 9am-1pm; free HIV testing 7-9pm w/CALOR.

Touché: “Bear-Chested” night 10pm.

Velvet Rope/Oak Park: $1 drink specials; dancing entertainment w/Ashley & Gabriel; karaoke 9pm w/Lyndon; no cover.

Organizational Events: BEHIV: Substance abuse support group 5-6:30pm, 1244 W. Thorndale; 773-293-4740, ext. 17; HIV therapy support group 1-2:30pm, 1244 W. Thorndale; 773-293-4740, ext. 29. CALOR: Hombres Apoyando Hombres group 7-9pm for Latino GB men w/HIV/AIDS (Spanish); 5038 W. Armitage; 773-385-9080, ext. 223 (Martin). Center on Halsted: “What’s Cooking” culinary arts apprenticeship for youth orientation 4:30-7:30pm; HIV-positive support group 6-7:30pm (18-34), Wed. thru March 9; 3656 N. Halsted; 773-472-6469, ext. 478. CDPH: Syphilis testing 8am-4pm; 2861 N. Clark; 312-744-5507. CMA: Meth & meditation closed meeting 6:30-7:30pm, Center on Halsted; 3656 N. Halsted; Ice Breakers closed meeting 7-8pm, Haymarket Ctr.; 4753 N. Broadway; 847-341-5348.

Gerber/Hart Library: Open 6-9pm; 1127 W. Granville; 773-381-8030.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church: Contemplative Eucharist 7pm; 1218 W. Addison; 773-248-1233.

Oak Park Department of Public Health: HIV testing/STD testing & treatment, free Hepatitis vaccines, 3-7pm, 708-358-5491 for appt.

Rec Room Chicago: AA Living in the Solution 7:30am; AA Big Book 7pm; 4138 N. Sheridan; recroomchicago.org.

St. Peter’s Episcopal Church: Mass 6pm; 621 W. Belmont; 773-525-0844.

SAC: Meeting noon; 773-935-3573.

Smelts: Workout 6-7:30pm; Gill Pk.; 825 W. Sheridan Rd.; 312-409-4974.

TPAN: Oral HIV testing 10am-4pm; Medical clinic 11am-7pm; needle exchange 3-7pm; SHE 7:30-9pm; Yoga 7:30-9pm; 5537 N. Broadway; 773-989-9400.

Thursday, January 13

Crew Bar & Grill: Lunch specials 11:30am-3pm; $3 draft; $2.50 chips & salsa; half-price appetizers 4-6pm; karaoke fun time w/Mr. Bill.

Halsted’s Bar & Grill: $5.95 buffalo chicken wraps; $2 Busch Light cans; $8 Busch Light buckets; $15 40-oz. “fishbowl” drinks.

Hunters/Elk Grove: $2.75 Bud/Michelob; Hunters Hunks 10:30pm; Laura B DJ.

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Sidetrack: “Laugh Track” comedy show 8-9pm hosted by Bradley Thomas, Mark Nabong, Quixotic Sketch Group & Matteo Lane heading; comedy videos 9pm.

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Comments may be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax, with attention to: Steve Hands, Strategic Planning & Policy, Chicago Transit Authority P.O. Box 7602, Chicago, IL 60680-7602 E-mail: RPMproject@transitchicago.com Fax: (312) 681-4185

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CTA MEDIA RELEASE

Next Round of Public Meetings to Plan Red and Purple Line Improvements to be Held

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The Chicago Transit Authority will conduct the next round of public meetings at the end of January to continue preparation to apply for federal funding for modernization of the Red and Purple Lines. Funding has not yet been identified for any of the potential improvements but the agency continues to advance the planning process in an effort to be fully prepared if funding should become available.

These meetings will provide customers with several different plans for infrastructure improvements based on input gathered from the first round of public meetings held at the end of 2009, and provide the opportunity for members of the public to provide comment. Public input will be used to help identify the environmental studies to be considered in the Tier I Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), one of the steps necessary to make this project eligible to apply for federal funding. The Tier I Draft EIS will identify and analyze the plan for all potential corridor-wide improvements that could be implemented as part of the project.

The first set of public meetings was designed to gather public input on existing conditions and issues facing the Red Line North and Purple Line, and to provide information on the Red/Purple Modernization process and estimated timeline.

The four public meetings will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Monday, January 24, 2011
St. Augustine College*
1325 W. Argyle St.
Chicago, IL 60640

Wednesday, January 26, 2011
New Field Primary School*
1707 W. Morse Ave.
Chicago, IL 60626

Tuesday, January 25, 2011
Nicholas Senn High School*
5900 N Glenwood Ave.
Chicago, IL 60660

Thursday, January 27 2011
Fleetwood-Jourdain Center*
1655 Foster Street
Evanston, IL 60201

*All facilities are accessible to people with disabilities.

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CTA PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

Red and Purple Lines Modernization Project
Environmental Impact Statement

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is proposing to make improvements, subject to the availability of funding, to the Red Line (North) and the Purple Line, a distance of 9.5 miles from immediately north of Belmont station to Linden station. The improvements are proposed in order to bring the existing transit stations, tracks, systems and structures into a state of good repair. This project is one part of CTA’s effort to extend and enhance the entire Red Line.

Attend one of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) public scoping meetings to learn more about the project and provide feedback on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project and the environmental and community impacts to be evaluated. The input will help shape the content of the Draft EIS.

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