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#### BOY'S DEATH COULD ADD CHARGES

The weekend death of a 5-year-old boy in his Sauk Village home may stem from abuse he suffered as an infant. Gereele Nelson apparently suffered a fatal seizure Sunday, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. His death is a suspected homicide because of a "possible correlation" between the fatal seizure and the abuse he suffered five years ago, according to Sauk Village Deputy Police Chief Thomas Mountford. Gerald Nelson, 30, was convicted of aggravated battery of a child stemming from the abuse of his son, Mountford said. Now, prosecutors are discussing whether other charges are warranted. DCFS is investigating.

#### MAN COULD GET \$3 MIL. FROM CITY

A legally blind man run over by a city garbage truck would receive \$3 million to compensate him for his severe leg injuries, under a settlement advanced Monday by a City Council committee. The mid-afternoon accident occurred in November 2003. Juan Otero, 38, was crossing North Avenue at Central Park "with the light" when he was hit by a garbage truck that was turning right. The laborer who was driving the truck claimed he didn't see Otero, who has a detached retina and walks with a cane. The skin and muscle were literally torn off Otero's legs, according to his attorney, **Jonathan Rosenfeld**.

#### CITY SEEKS NAMING-RIGHTS BUYER

City Hall plans to issue a so-called request-for-qualifications in two weeks that will start the ball rolling toward selling the naming rights for the Chicago Skyway. The \$1.83 billion deal that privatized the Skyway anticipated a naming rights sale, and Mayor Daley put \$3 million from the deal in his 2006 budget. Now, the city is describing the benefits. It would give a company "consistent with the city's world-class reputation" a chance to put its name on more than 100 signs. They include: marquee above toll plazas; signs on arterial streets and expressways; published maps and repeated exposure on radio and television traffic reports.

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