

Putting a cap on 1987: Name that stadium!

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In play—that was 1987.

Chief executives at some of Chicago's best-known companies faced uncertain futures. Predatory arbitrageurs and raiders were prepared to snap up stock at the slightest sign of vulnerability. As if that weren't enough, the stock market crashed 508 points in a single day.

But the takeover artists and the Dow Jones Industrial Average didn't set off all the earthquakes. Regulators played havoc with the plans of railroad giants and utilities, and bank giants struggled to reposition themselves.

The turmoil in business was mirrored in politics. Harold Washington swept to an easy re-election in April, only to be stricken with a heart attack seven months later. Public school teachers took a long walk. Gov. James Thompson tried to dig deeper into taxpayers' pockets.

How to honor the year's biggest newsmakers? In Chicago, naming an edifice is always popular. And since no names have been affixed to the proposed White Sox or Bears stadiums, *CRAIN'S CHICAGO BUSINESS* offers some ideas—with hats off to the movers and shakers of 1987.

Leo Melamed Stadium. To honor the chairman of the executive committee at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, who took substantial heat in the aftermath of the stock market crash. The first stadium with a scoreboard that lists projected scores of games to be played in the future. Protects bettors on current football games; guarantees higher-scoring games down the road.