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Pritzker, Johnson stand by Biden

NATO summit key forum for president to assert leadership with allies, at home

By Aamer Madhani
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden welcomed NATO leaders to Washington on Tuesday by celebrating their unity against Russia's Ukraine aggression and underscoring America's ironclad commitment to the alliance under his watch — a message that seemed aimed at bucking up his wobbly Democratic supporters as much as allies confronting the prospect of a White House return by former President Donald Trump, a

NATO skeptic. Biden has been straining to persuade U.S. voters and donors that he's ready for reelection after a stumbling debate performance against Trump. He's been making his case on the campaign trail, in a defiant letter to Democratic lawmakers and now at an international summit that he's still up for four more grueling years in the White House. "Today, NATO is more powerful than ever — 32 nations strong," Biden said

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President Joe Biden, from left, first lady Jill Biden and Sweden's Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson sit in the audience before Biden delivers remarks at a NATO summit on Tuesday in Washington. **EVAN VUCCI/AP**

■ "Dour" mood as House Democrats meet on Tuesday to discuss Biden's fitness for office. **Nation & World**

Endorsements come amid chorus of calls within party for incumbent to step aside

By Olivia Olander,
Alice Yin and
Jake Sheridan
Chicago Tribune

President Joe Biden received vigorous endorsements from Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson on Tuesday as the president works to tamp down an ongoing chorus of calls that he step aside following a dismal debate performance against Donald Trump almost two weeks ago. Pritzker, making his first public comments since join-

ing other Democratic governors in a meeting with Biden at the White House last week, dismissed the notion that Biden is not capable of serving another four-year term. "The president did a great job of answering questions throughout that meeting. Listen, Joe Biden is our nominee. I am for Joe Biden. I've been campaigning for Joe Biden. I think you've seen I've got dates scheduled to go to Indiana, to Ohio, for Joe Biden,

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"People are trying to avoid pain, in the mind or in the body, and they turn to substances. Or they were using a substance to help and developed a dependence and a tolerance."

— Keisha House, a nurse practitioner and assistant director of Rush's Substance Use Disorder Center of Excellence



Keisha House, nurse practitioner and assistant director of Rush's Substance Use Disorder Center of Excellence, leads a discussion on substance abuse and demonstrates how to administer Narcan for students at Larry's Barber College on Tuesday in Chicago. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

'Able to save a life'

To reach underserved communities, student barbers add reversing opioid overdoses to their list of skills

By Angie Leventis Lourgos
Chicago Tribune

A social worker and nurse practitioner demonstrated how to administer Narcan nasal spray — a potentially lifesaving treatment during an opioid overdose — to a classroom of more than a dozen barber college students on the city's South Side on Tuesday. It was part of an initiative by Rush University Medical Center to help combat the opioid crisis in typically underserved communities. While the students aren't training to be health care workers or medical providers, the next generation of barbers and hair stylists are uniquely poised to disseminate information about substance use disorders to their clients as well as administer Narcan to reverse an opioid overdose in the event of an emergency, said Keisha House, a nurse practitioner and assistant director of Rush's Substance Use Disorder Center of Excellence. "You all are our eyes and ears, in the barbershop," House told the audience at Larry's Barber College in the Washington Park neighborhood, during a presentation on substance use disorders just before the Narcan demonstration.

An opioid overdose in real life looks very different from what's often portrayed on television and in movies, she explained to the students. Symptoms can include unresponsiveness, constricted pupils, a limp body and breathing that slows or stops, according to the Chicago Department of Public Health. House said there's no stereotypical or textbook individual who struggles with use disorders, adding that people "have been using drugs since the beginning of time." She noted that substance use disorders can include illicit drugs as well as prescription medication. Opioid overdose deaths have risen dramatically nationwide in recent years, from a little over 21,000 in 2010 to nearly 50,000 in 2019 to just over 81,800 in 2022, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics. In Illinois, opioid overdoses have increased more than 8% from 2021 to 2022; in 2022, there were 3,261 opioid fatalities — more than twice the number of car accident deaths and homicides, according to Illinois Department

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MADIGAN TRIAL

Sides won't seek delay

US Supreme Court ruling had left the timeline in doubt

By Megan Crepeau,
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Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

Federal prosecutors late Monday revealed a muted initial response to the bombshell U.S. Supreme Court decision that could directly affect some of the counts in the case against former Democratic Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan. They do not intend to seek a superseding indictment against the former political juggernaut from the Southwest Side, a court filing states. And neither prosecutors nor defense attorneys want to delay the trial from its scheduled October start date. The joint filing suggested deadlines for legal briefs related to the Supreme Court's 6-3 ruling last month that a federal statute — commonly known as 666 after its number in the federal criminal code — does not criminalize "gratuities," gifts given to elected officials to express thanks for taking a favorable action. Madigan, who gave up his legislative seat when toppled from the speakership in 2021, faces charges alleging he ran his state and political operations like a criminal enterprise while utility giants ComEd and AT&T put his cronies on contracts requiring little or no work. ComEd allegedly also heaped legal work onto a Madigan ally, granted his request to put a political associate on the state-regulated utility's board and

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