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# 'SILENCE IN THE CITY'

At a Bridgeport monastery, Benedictine monks study, work and pray while striving to maintain silence and isolation to pursue truth in God.



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## Sliding into home

Where have White Sox players lived over the years? After World War II, many stayed in South Side hotels.

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## No strings on me

What the Sugar Hole puppets have learned about human nature.

## Illinois struggling on climate projections

### Clean energy not meeting targets as projects face hurdles

**By Nara Schoenberg**  
Chicago Tribune

Driving down a quiet country road in northwestern Illinois, cars pass a cemetery, a cornfield and a pumpkin patch, before they reach the top of a hill, and the view suddenly opens up to reveal one of the state's newest wind farms.

High-tech wind turbines, as tall as skyscrapers, rise above tawny fields of corn and soy, their long blades twirling languidly under a crystalline sky.

The 25 turbines of Midland Wind Farm in Henry County stand over 500 feet tall, and together they produce enough carbon-free electricity to power 37,000 homes.

"They're big," noted plant manager Jon Lilley, with cheerful understatement.

In Illinois, a state with one of the nation's most ambitious climate laws, clean energy's victorious forward march is often a public — and highly visible — spectacle.

But behind the scenes, there are signs of strain.

Three years after the state passed the Climate and Equita-

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## Ex-Speaker Madigan keeping his eyes on court

### Corruption trial set to begin once final alternate jurors picked

**By Jason Meisner, Megan Crepeau and Ray Long**  
Chicago Tribune

Michael Madigan's record-breaking stretch at the pinnacle of Illinois politics didn't happen by accident.

A legendary tactician, Madigan knew the rules and in some cases even crafted them. To build power and maintain control, he counted the votes, sweated the details, marshalled the minutiae of election law, ward boundaries and political districts, and litigated the nominating signatures of opponents who stood in his way.

Madigan's singular focus was seemingly no different in federal court over the past two weeks, where it's not just an election or piece of legislation on the line, but his legacy and likely his freedom.

Over seven days of jury selection in his corruption trial, which began Oct. 8, Madigan has been a keen participant in an often-tedious process where many other defendants take a back seat and let

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Cristal Moreno Aguilar stands at Augustana College on Oct. 8 in Rock Island. Aguilar's mother, Reneyda Aguilar-Hurtado, died on June 12, 2023, after being incarcerated in the DuPage County Jail. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

# Dying behind bars

## Mental illness put her in DuPage County Jail. 85 days later, she was dead

**By Jonathan Bullington** | Chicago Tribune

**J**une 3, 2023. Day 76. They walked past an empty wheelchair near the door and found their mom seated alone in one of the jail's visitation booths, her hollow eyes fixed in a distant gaze. Her cheeks were sunken. Her hands trembled. Dried blood pooled near a crack down the center of her lips.

Before schizophrenia, before jail, Reneyda Aguilar-Hurtado would sing and dance while cleaning the apartment and spend hours chatting with her two children over dinner. Now she looked too thin and frail to stand, and the few words she spoke came out raspy and faint.

Reneyda Aguilar Hurtado smiles for a photograph with her daughter Cristal in 2019. **CRISTAL MORENO AGUILAR**

Her kids tried to fill the allotted time with lighter topics. Giovanni, then 14, had just graduated from middle school. Though Reneyda was sad to have missed it, he assured her the family party that followed was still lovely. Cristal's birthday was in three weeks, and they promised that on the day after she turned 20, she and her brother would return to the DuPage County Jail for another visit.

Nine days later, on June 12 — day 85 of her mother's incar-

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## McDonald police shooting: 'It felt like a war'

A cross and flowers near the street where Officer Jason Van Dyke fatally shot Laquan McDonald in 2014 in the 4100 block of South Pulaski Road is seen on Thursday. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

### 2014 incident shocked Chicago, rippled through halls of power

**By Sam Charles and Caroline Kubzansky**  
Chicago Tribune

By any objective measure, it was the single most impactful police shooting in Chicago in more than 40 years, and perhaps ever.

Ten years ago, on Oct. 20, 2014, a Chicago police officer fired 16 bullets into 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. Chicago has not been the same since.

It was those 16 shots that forced an overt acknowledgment of long-standing, foundational problems within the Chicago Police Department — a "pattern or practice" of civil rights abuses and "the code of silence" — and led to wholesale changes within

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### Cloudy picture for Chicago sports fans

Free TV could be the poison pill in the Chicago Sports Network's impasse with Comcast — and a deal may take awhile. **Chicago Sports**

### CPS watchdog proposed firing Title IX chief

Former CPS official Camie Pratt abused her position, says inspector general's report criticizing district's handling of Lincoln Park High scandal. **Chicagoland, Page 3**