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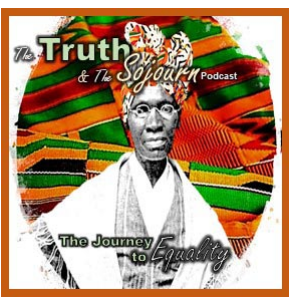
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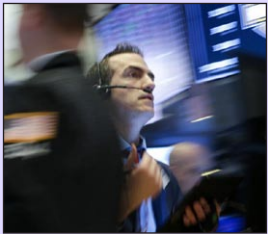
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Former First Lady Michelle Obama talking with Vice President Joe Biden/UPI

By Daniel Uria & Danielle Haynes
UPI

After fourth- and fifth-place finishes to start
the primary season a few weeks ago before his
win in South Carolina last weekend, former

Vice President Joe Biden continued his come-
back Tuesday night, overtaking Vermont Sen.
Bernie Sanders in the overall delegate count for
the Democratic presidential nomination.
Biden notched wins on Super Tuesday in

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NC identifies first case of Coronavirus

RALEIGH - A North Carolina person
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OPINION

COVID-19 a potential Hurricane Katrina for Trump

By Harlan Ullman, Arnaud de Borchgrave
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UPI

In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck America’s Southeast. New Orleans was especially hard hit, much of it demolished by floods. Over 1,700 people died. And George W. Bush’s administration was rightly pilloried because of the lack of preparation and anticipation of the annual recurrence of hurricanes.

Is the new coronavirus, COVID-19, a potential Katrina on steroids, with potentially tectonic political, economic, social and health consequences?

Diseases and pandemics have little in common with hurricanes except to the degree each is an act of nature. Hurricanes are visible, and human damage is avoidable by evacuation. Pathogens are invisible, and quarantine or avoidance of contaminated areas is usually insufficient to stem further outbreaks. The spread, rate, duration and lethality of COVID-19, along with the time it takes to develop vaccines and cures, are unknown. Worse, disease plays on psychological reactions of impotence and vulnerability to infection.

Fear, worry and even panic are predictable outcomes. To counter these, politicians must display competence and confidence in communicating with public. These “3 Cs” are vital. Second, gaining full knowledge and understanding of this virus is an urgent priority. Third, national, regional and local response plans must be put in place to include worst-case contingencies. Finally, the federal government must have a credible crisis management team in place.

In the worst case, the stakes could be existential for tens or hundreds of thousands and even millions of people. The Middle Age black plagues killed possibly a third or half of England’s population. The Spanish flu of 1918-20 claimed between 20 million and 100 million lives globally. Fortunately, the more recent brushes with H1N1 flu, anthrax and Ebola never turned into pandemics. However, growing up in New York City in the late 1940s and early 1950s, polio raised fear in virtually every household until Jonas Salk produced his vaccine.

So far, the virus is not yet a technical pandemic. That will likely change as the disease is highly contagious and expands globally. The good news is that COVID-19 appears not to be as fatal as SARS. About 80 to 85 percent of those who are infected show no or relatively minor symptoms. The fatality rate is estimated at about 2 percent, less than many cancers.

By comparison, about 100,000 Americans die annually from the flu, drug overdoses and related issues. A similar number die from firearms, including suicides and all accidents. Yet, fear and uncertainty often consume rationality. The United States has not yet arrived at this position. But it might.

Other major dangers are economic and financial. In an era of globalization, supply and demand are inextricably intertwined. As Chinese production of goods and vital items in the supply chain falters, this has global impact. As fewer people are likely to consume goods, demand likewise falls. Ironically then, the contagion of the virus infects the world economy.

Extreme political polarization will infect the perception of how this virus is handled. First, to inspire trust and confidence, President Donald Trump’s record in speaking the truth is unhelpful. Can the president’s word be accepted?

The president was off to a bad start in his first comments. That said, to promote confidence, no president would overstate the possible dangers until absolutely certain. Playing down the catastrophic side of pandemics makes sense if it is done responsibly, even if no one knows whether this virus will degrade in warmer weather.

Putting the vice president in charge of any national effort is common, no matter which party is in power. However, given the partisan divides and genuine questions about Mike Pence’s management and organizational skills, his appointment has drawn fire. The reality is that this administration is in charge.

Why a brokered democratic convention is the mainstream party’s only hope



ARMSTRONG WILLIAMS

As I type this, the South Carolina debate is barely 12 hours old, and even more anxiety has stirred among the Democratic Party establishment. They are worried. The resilience of the Bernie Sanders movement and his supporters is clear.

And everyone outside the Sanders circle is growing more in its chorus crying for relief and commonsense to reign. The “Anybody But Bernie!” movement is in full swing. The challenge now rests on what to do about it within the confines of party rules.

Let’s step back for a moment and see how we got here. Long before Hillary Clinton sealed her nomination four years ago, the Sanders craze was palpable and pervasive.

His populist appeal is emblematic of the same appeal in Republican ranks. Progressives are just as fed up as Republicans have been for decades.

They’re tired of “waiting their turn.” Sanders is the Democratic version of Donald Trump. He embodies all that pent-up frustration, and nothing will hold back his supporters, certainly not the appeals of establishment Democrats who claim he is “too liberal” to get elected.

That’s the obvious. The often-forgotten facts simmer just beneath the political surface.

Sanders is a fundraising machine. And he’s barely holding fundraisers.

His money-generating machine runs on the sheer intensity of his base -- all

sending small-dollar donations by the millions.

And nothing points to that support stopping any time soon. More importantly -- as last night’s debate showed -- no other candidate has shown they can siphon off that support.

Contrast this truism with the very real scare Sanders presents to the business and investment communities.

They’ve made it no secret he is bad news for business.

Just three weeks ago, Washington consultants were sharing presentations and PowerPoints on what an Elizabeth Warren White House will or will not do.

Today, many of those same consultants are forced to repurpose those slides for a Sanders administration, and many are coming up blank.

This perfect political storm points to one course correction -- a brokered convention.

And with more than 47% of all delegates up for grabs by the end of Super Tuesday, the Party establishment has little time to study alternative scenarios.

The good news is the nominating system is geared towards fragmentation. Without a winner-take-all structure, candidates can “lose” abysmally and still stack delegates.

For example, as poorly as former Vice President Joe Biden is doing, he still has delegates and growing.

The same is true for Sen. Amy Klobuchar. Only Tom Steyer seems to be a hopeless cause.

Another factor that favors the Democratic mainstream -- Mike Bloomberg. Money moves voters.

It always has. And as moderate primary voters go to the polls in early and mid-March, they, too, will start feeling the pressure and looming fear of a Sanders nominee.

And the nearly \$2 billion Bloomberg plans to spend could push them toward him as a viable alternative.

Yet, with the debate performances he’s had in recent weeks, Bloomberg appears to be in a primary free-fall.

My money is on Pete Buttigieg. He has staying power. His base is equally devoted to him, yet admittedly much smaller than Sanders’.

But it can grow. In my opinion, Sanders’ has tapped into all the political Democratic outcasts that he can.

I’m not convinced there are too many more supporters who would easily slide into his camp, especially if a compromise candidate such as Buttigieg is put forth.

Practically speaking, if Klobuchar were to exit the race, that would help Buttigieg immensely, and both know that.

The same cannot be said of Warren and where her faithful would migrate.

I feel they would split equally between Sanders and Buttigieg, which, for reasons stated above, ultimately favors Buttigieg. Buttigieg can appeal across many sects of the Democratic Party.

As a man married to another man, he is progressive in his lifestyle and in his policies.

Yet he remains grounded in the reality that programs have price tags, and there are some still in Democratic voting blocs who care about deficits and debt. Buttigieg can appeal to them.

The boost in delegates would in turn boost fundraising among liberals on both Wall Street and Main Street.

If they could see a path forward for a more moderate candidate (beyond today’s crowded field and the power of Sanders’ supporters), they could train their energy and dollars to Mayor Pete, perhaps the Democrats’ best bet.

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Technical recession looms, as coronavirus enters dangerous phase

By Warren Hogan,
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This week marks a new phase in the coronavirus crisis with the case count outside China accelerating sharply.

China’s containment strategy bought global health authorities time to prepare, but failed to confine the outbreak to Northeast Asia.

In the past week, U.S. President Donald Trump and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison have prepared citizens for a rise in the onshore case count in recognition of the likelihood the virus will spread to most of the world.

Because it isn’t possible to shut down the global trade and transport system without causing a global recession, their strategy has shifted from containment to preparation.

Managing panic
Critical to the process is managing panic. If consumers around the world substantially reduce their spending either as a precautionary measure or in response to public health fears, the impact on businesses will be substantial.

The key economic challenge will be to stop a vicious cycle of weaker spending and job losses taking hold. Targeted government spending can

help businesses at risk, although some will use it as an excuse to reset their cost base and scale down in an economic environment that was challenging even before the coronavirus.

Global share markets have fallen 10 percent in a week as this new phase has begun to unfold, adding to uncertainty and fear.

Rate cuts likely
Countries that have the capacity to cut interest rates will do it. In the United States, markets are expecting a cut at or before the next meeting of the Fed on March 17.

In Australia, markets are expecting a cut of 0.25 points at the Reserve Bank’s board meeting on Tuesday. There is some talk of a double cut, of 0.50 points, which would bring the Reserve Bank cash rate down from 0.75 percent to 0.25 percent.

The cuts would be aimed at shoring up confidence in the economy and financial markets as much as anything else. Global rates are low enough to provide economic stimulus. It will be up to politicians to provide the targeted measures that will be needed to help keep businesses afloat and people in jobs.

Chinese recession
The trade and travel restrictions in place in and around China will have major ramifications. Esti-

mates of the impact of the containment policies on Chinese growth in the first quarter of the year range from minus 2 percent to minus 10 percent, enough to obliterate growth in the world’s fastest-growing big economy.

A shocking Chinese purchasing managers’ index reading on the weekend showed a fall to a new low not reached during the global financial crisis.

Few countries are as exposed to Chinese purchasing as Australia. Australia gets GDP figures on Wednesday for the final three months of 2019. These are likely to show the economy grew by less than 0.5 percent in the quarter.

Most of the impact of the bushfires and the initial impact of the coronavirus will show up in the data for the first quarter of this year. Many analysts have penciled in a negative number.

Australian recession possible

It will leave Australia exposed to what is known as a technical recession -- two consecutive quarters of negative economic growth, in the three months to March and the three months to June.

This possibility, Australia’s first recession in 29 years, will depend on how we react to the emergence of coronavirus onshore.

The initial reaction might paradoxically support measured economic growth as people stockpile supplies. The next phase would be a reduction in spending as people avoid leaving their homes. As we are seeing in China, and more recently in Korea and Italy, shopping districts can become ghost towns.

It would be akin to a nationwide rise in saving, which drains consumer spending and business activity. Beyond efforts to maintain perspective and keep calm, little can be done to prevent people from willingly choosing to remain at home.

Targeted government support

It is in this phase that government policy actions will be critical. A mild technical recession caused by an external shock would be undesirable but need not be a disaster for the community if the employment ramifications can be minimized.

Government efforts need to be directed at stopping a negative shock evolving into a self-reinforcing spiral of declining spending and lower employment.

Lower interest rates will be of very little use to start with. Governments will need to target support to those parts of the economy most under stress with the greatest risk of job losses.



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Sanders won in four states -- California, Colorado, Utah and his home state of Vermont. The race in Maine had not been called early Wednesday, but it appears the two candidates each won eight delegates there.

"We were told when you get to Super Tuesday, it may be over," an energized Biden told supporters late

Tuesday. "Well, it may be over for the other guy."

"I want to thank our incredible supporters and volunteers across the country. Your faith in our campaign -- especially when the pundits and the media counted us out -- means the world to me," he added later in a tweet.

"Let's go win this, together."

Former New York City Mike Bloomberg secured a win in the territory of American Samoa, which

has six delegates, but finished a distant third or fourth everywhere else. Sen. Elizabeth Warren didn't win in any of the Super Tuesday voting states, including her home state of Massachusetts.

Biden responded to a tweet from President Donald Trump that criticized Warren and Bloomberg.

"You lost tonight," he told the president. "Democrats around the country are fired up. We are decent, brave and resilient people.

We are better than you. Come November, we are going to beat you."

Biden may have been aided by three candidates who dropped out of the race just before the Super Tuesday vote -- Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar on Monday, former South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg on Sunday and billionaire Tom Steyer on Saturday.

At a rally Monday in Texas, Buttigieg, Klobuchar and former candi-

date Beto O'Rourke all endorsed Biden.

Following the results Tuesday, Bloomberg will reassess his campaign on Wednesday, The Hill reported.

Who voted

States that cast ballots Tuesday were Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Virginia, plus American Samoa, a U.S.

territory and the birthplace of candidate and Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard.

A total of 1,344 delegates were up for grabs Tuesday -- nearly 70 percent of the 1,991 needed to secure the Democratic nomination on the first ballot at the party's national convention in Milwaukee in July.

With the largest populations and most delegates to award -- a total of 756 -- California and Texas were the top prizes Tuesday.

Coronavirus

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and is in isolation at home.

"I know that people are worried about this virus, and I want to assure North Carolinians our state is prepared," said Governor Roy Cooper.

"Our task force and state agencies are working closely with local health departments, health care providers and others to quickly identify and respond to cases that might occur."

The North Carolina person from Wake County traveled to the State of Washington and was exposed at a long-term care facility where there is currently a COVID-19 outbreak.

Local health department officials are identifying close contacts to monitor symptoms and contain spread.

To protect individual privacy, no further information will be released.

While awaiting confirmation of results from the CDC, the Department of

Health and Human Services (DHHS) will treat presumptive cases as positive and follow CDC guidelines to protect public health and limit the spread of infection.

This announcement represents an isolated case, and COVID-19 is currently not widespread in North Carolina.

Because COVID-19 is most commonly spread through respiratory droplets, North Carolinians should take the same measures that healthcare providers recommend annually to prevent the spread of the flu and other viruses, including washing your hands, avoiding touching your face, and covering coughs and sneezes.

Last month, Governor Cooper established the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Task Force to support the state's ongoing effort to monitor, prepare for and respond to COVID-19.

State actions include:

Aggressively pursuing containment strategy of rapid identification, testing and contact tracing.

Engaging in daily collaboration with federal,

state and local partners to ensure rapid response.

Mobilizing resources for our providers, local public health system, local emergency management, and other.

Developing detailed response plans for multiple sectors for a range of scenarios.

Developing guidance for planning for multiple sectors for a range of scenarios.

Preparing healthcare providers and facilities to streamline and standardize response activities.

Activating a Joint Information Center to provide timely information.

Testing patients in the NC State Laboratory of Public Health.

Leading regular calls with local health departments, hospitals and local emergency management.

Providing guidelines for health care providers, child care, employers, schools, colleges and universities, and others.

Monitoring residents who have returned from China through local health departments.

Staffing a COVID-19 phone line to answer urgent

questions from the public.

Maintaining an up-to-date website with information about COVID-19 disease, risk and guidance.

It is important to make sure the information you are getting about COVID-19 is

coming directly from reliable sources like the CDC and NCDHHS.

For more information, please visit the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus and NCDHHS' website at www.ncdhhs.gov.

www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus, which will also include future positive COVID-19 test results in North Carolina.

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Ex-NYC Mayor Mike Bloomberg drops presidential bid, backs Biden

This morning, Mike Bloomberg released the following statement:

“Three months ago, I entered the race for President to defeat Donald Trump.

Today, I am leaving the race for the same reason: to defeat Donald Trump – because it is clear to me that staying in would make achieving that goal more difficult.

“I’m a believer in using data to inform decisions. After yesterday’s results, the delegate math has become virtually impossible – and a viable path to the nomination no longer exists.

But I remain clear-eyed about my overriding objective: victory in November.

Not for me, but for our country. And so while I will not be the nominee, I will not walk away from the most important political fight of my life.

“I’ve always believed that defeating Donald Trump starts with uniting behind the candidate with the best shot to do it.

After yesterday’s vote, it is clear that candidate is my friend and a great

American, Joe Biden.

“I’ve known Joe for a very long time. I know his decency, his honesty, and his commitment to the issues that are so important to our country – including gun safety, health care, climate change, and good jobs.

“I’ve had the chance to work with Joe on those issues over the years, and Joe has fought for working people his whole life.

Today I am glad to endorse him – and I will work to make him the next President of the United States.

“I am immensely proud of the campaign we ran, the issues we raised, and the sweeping and achievable plans we proposed – including our Greenwood Initiative to right historic wrongs, fight racial inequality, and make the promise of equal opportunity real for the Black communities that have endured centuries of exploitation and discrimination.

That work is fundamental to the future of our country – and to the more perfect union that each generation is called to build.

“I am deeply grateful



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to all the Americans who voted for me – and to our incredibly dedicated staff and volunteers all around the country, who knocked on more than two million doors and held 12 million voter conversations in an incredibly short amount of time. No one outworked our team, and I couldn’t be

prouder of everyone who was part of it.

And I will be forever grateful to all the mayors, local and state legislators, Members of Congress, and many others who believed in me, endorsed my candidacy, and worked hard to unite voters around our vision.

Your support and trust sustained me, and I look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

“We made our campaign slogan a clear, simple promise: Mike will get it done.

And I intend to keep working on the “it.” I

will continue to work for sensible, common sense policy solutions that can get done.

That includes passing gun safety laws that save lives. Fighting climate change. Improving health care.

Making college more accessible and affordable. Creating economic opportunity for all.

And helping mayors and local leaders across the country who are doing so much important work on all of these issues.

“The past few months have been some of the most inspiring of my life, and I want to thank the tens of thousands of Americans, from Maine to California, whom I was privileged to meet – and who every day, with their voices and their ideas, made this campaign such a powerful experience.

And I am intent on making it a lasting experience: I want my supporters to stay engaged, stay active and stay committed to our issues. I will be right there with you. And together, we will get it done.”

Dow Jones drops 1,190 points amid coronavirus fears

By Daniel Uriah
UPI

The three major U.S. markets entered correction territory on Thursday as concerns about COVID-19 grew.

The markets dropped 10 percent below their record closes with the Dow Jones Industrial Average falling 1,190 points, or 4.42 percent.

The S&P 500 also fell 4.42 percent and the Nasdaq Composite dropped 4.61 percent as new cases of the coronavirus disease emerged worldwide including the first community transmission in the United States.

Apple, Intel and Exxon Mobil each dropped at least 6 percent, while AMD fell 7.3 percent and Nvidia slid 5.6 percent, dragging the

Dow to one of its largest single-day points drop in history.

The Nasdaq also posted its largest one-day loss since August 2011.

Companies including Microsoft and PayPal warned that COVID-19 will negatively impact their earnings and revenue.

Microsoft stock fell 7.1 percent after saying its supply chain was “returning

to normal operations at a slower pace than anticipated.”

The U.S. Department of Commerce also said Thursday that the domestic economy grew 2.1 percent in the fourth quarter of 2019 and 2.3 percent for the year, the second straight year in which economic growth failed to reach the Trump administration’s 3 percent target.



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange at the opening bell in New York City on Thursday. Photo by John Angelillo/UPI | License Photo



The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 1,190 points as all three major markets slid into correction territory due to concerns over COVID-19. Photo by John Angelillo/UPI | License Photo

The benchmark 10-year Treasury yield also fell below 1.25 percent Thursday.

Internationally, Japan’s Nikkei dropped 2 percent, while the Pan-European Stoxx 600 fell 4 percent and Britain’s FTSE slid 3.5 percent.

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MIKE BLOOMBERG

Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking the time to learn about The Greenwood Initiative.

As someone who has been very lucky in life, I often say my story would only have been possible in America – and that’s true. But I also know that because of the artificial barriers of discrimination, my story likely would have turned out very differently if I had been Black, and that more Black Americans of my generation would have ended up with far more wealth, had they been white.

Building Generational Wealth for Black Families is Critical.

That’s why I launched The Greenwood Initiative in Tulsa last month. I visited the site of the Black Wall Street Massacre, where a white mob decimated the prosperous community of Greenwood. It is to the memory of the lost lives and promise of Greenwood that we’ve dedicated The Greenwood Initiative: a plan to address the systematic bias that has kept Black Americans from building wealth.

THE GREENWOOD PLAN WILL:

- Create 1 million new Black homeowners
- Double the number of new Black-owned businesses
- Invest \$70 billion in the country’s 100 most disadvantaged neighborhoods

Fixing the System for Black Families. When I was mayor of New York, I was proud to take on the systematic inequality that held back too many New Yorkers. We increased education funding, built 650 new schools and raised Black graduation rates to record highs. We led an ambitious effort to reduce poverty and managed the largest amount of affordable housing in the nation. And as President, I will work even more aggressively to combat inequality nationwide.

I understand that undoing generations of systematic discrimination won’t happen overnight, but we can make progress with a clear vision and a comprehensive plan. I’ve included a pamphlet along with this letter that lays out my plan. When I’m President, implementing The Greenwood Initiative will be a top priority.

Join me in ending the systemic inequality that has held Black Americans back for too long!

Sincerely,


Mike Bloomberg



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Rep. James Clyburn endorses Vice President Joe Biden

Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC) announced his endorsement Wednesday, Feb. 26 2020, at Trident Tech, in Charleston, South Carolina.

“The results of Super Tuesday, especially in North Carolina, were extremely satisfying to me. African American voters are now having their say in this presidential campaign, and they have said loud and clear that Joe Biden is their choice. The Black community knows Joe, and he knows us.

His policies on housing, education and health care align with the dreams and aspirations of our community.

More than 60 percent of African American voters



mocratic presidential candidate Vice President Joe Biden, left, is embraced by Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC) after he announced his endorsement at Trident Tech, Wednesday, February 26 2020, in Charleston, South Carolina. Photo by Richard Ellis/UPI

in North Carolina voted for Joe in the primary, and I hope we deliver even more votes to him in November.”

A Biden boom with Bloomberg backing

**By Mia Eley
The Daily Drum**

With over 5.6 Million dollars devoted to advertising, Mayor Mike Bloomberg flooded the web, tv and radio waves to promote his 2020 Presidential Campaign. Were the Bloomberg Campaign marketing dollars well spent? Seeing as how Former Vice

President Joe Biden, who expended less than 16 Million on campaign funding, had a surge of voter support at the polls on Super Tuesday.

The answer may be that it takes more than money and power to earn the respect of voters, especially the “black vote.”

Super Tuesday would reveal that the “Mike for

Black America” get-out-the-vote campaign initiative didn’t sit too well with African American constituents.

There’s a lesson to be learned here; that people would rather not be told that you’re for them... instead, show the people that you’re for them.

Bloomberg announced Wednesday that he was

bringing his 2020 Presidential Campaign to an end and followed with a statement endorsing Biden for President. A robust Biden base coupled with the backing of Bloomberg could be seen as an unstoppable force in the November 2020 General Election.

Will this Bloomberg Backing propel the Biden Boom even higher? Or

will Biden’s base be forced to rethink their decision? Should Democrats take on a “by any means necessary” kind of attitude in hopes of trouncing Trump in November? In this case, the “means” just so happen to be the “Bloomberg Bank.”

Once divided on a debate stage in Las Vegas just weeks ago, Bloomberg

proved Wednesday that he and Biden stand united in at least one mission at hand; and that’s to defeat Trump this November.

It’s Election Season folks and the campaign trains are moving full steam ahead!

There will be many more shake-ups, and unexpected twists and turns along the way. Buckle up!

Dow has second-best day in history after Biden

**By Danielle Haynes
UPI**

The Dow Jones Industrial Average had its second-largest gain in history Wednesday as the markets rallied after recovering from last week’s corona-

virus scare.

The Dow gained 1,173 points, or 4 percent, closing at 27,090.

The Nasdaq Composite was up 3.85 percent at 9,018 and the S&P 500 was up 4.22 percent at 3,130.

Experts attributed the rally to former Vice President Joe Biden’s Super Tuesday wins in 10 states.

Final vote tallies aren’t official, but Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., won 14 states, while Sen. Elizabeth

Sanders, D-Mass., won none.

Former New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg dropped out of the race Wednesday after a poor showing the night before.

Investors believe Biden



Traders work on the the floor of the New York Stock Exchange at the opening bell on Wall Street in New York City on Tuesday. Photo by John Angelillo/UPI | License Photo

is more friendly to the markets compared to Sanders and Warren.

“Investors fear Bernie because he wants to cut off the head of capitalism by raising taxes significantly on the rich and using the funds to provide free everything to everybody else,” Ed Yardeni, president and chief investment strategist at Yardeni Research, said, according to CNBC.

“Getting everything for

free trumps freedom, according to Bernie.

No wonder investors are reacting to him as though he is going to infect us all with the virus of socialism.”

The Dow had its worst week since the 2008 financial crisis last week amid fears of a growing COVID-19 outbreak. It dropped more than 12 percent for the week.

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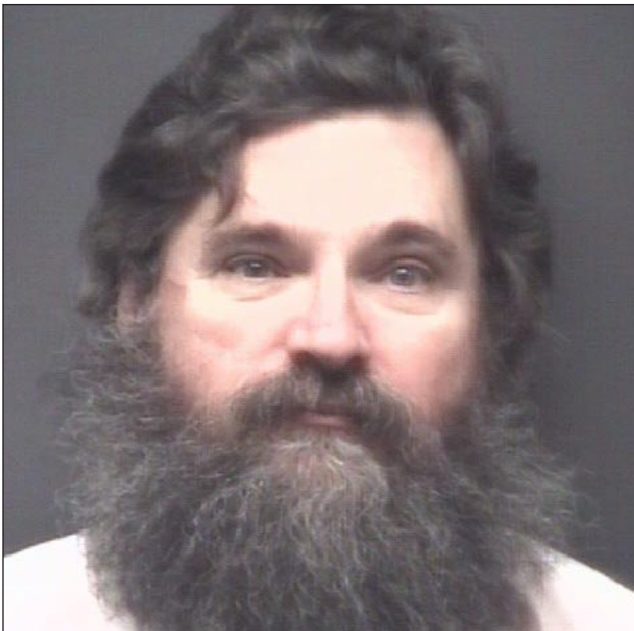
**By Mia Eley
The Daily Drum**

The score board (exiting polls), screaming crowds storming the stage (at campaign rallies), close calls (on the California vote count)... even with Super Tuesday behind us, it is still pure madness on the campaign trails! We now rally onward with election numbers, still some too close to call, and look to the delegate count. We marched into Super Tuesday post the pull-outs from Buttigieg (Sunday) and Klobuchar (Monday) unknowingly that there would be more

“Primary School” dropouts on Tuesday.

“Which side are you on?” Sen. Bernie Sanders asked in a press conference held on Wednesday after the Super Tuesday 2020 numbers still rolled in. Former Vice President Joe Biden, “the underdog” some are calling him, has a promising lead as the week closes out. Our eyes now look towards the hills of California. Did Sanders gain enough traction to reach the 1,991 party delegates needed to become the Democratic Presidential Nominee? Only time will tell.

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Ex-San Antonio Spurs star Tim Duncan fills in for Gregg Popovich

By Connor Grot UPI

Tim Duncan served as head coach of the San Antonio Spurs during Tuesday night's game against the Charlotte Hornets.

Duncan, who spent his entire 19-year playing career with the Spurs, replaced Gregg Popovich, who missed the road contest against the Hornets because of personal business.

Earlier this season, Duncan was named the acting head coach when Popovich was ejected during a loss to the Portland Trail Blazers on Nov. 16.

Duncan has been an assistant coach on Popovich's coaching staff since July 2019. The former NBA All-Star collaborated with

assistants Will Hardy and Becky Hammon during the Spurs' 104-103 comeback victory over the Hornets on Tuesday.

Popovich is expected to return for the Spurs' next game against the Brooklyn Nets on Friday night.

Gregg Popovich will miss tonight's Spurs-Hornets game due to personal business.

Tim Duncan will serve as the Spurs head coach tonight in place of Popovich. twitter.com/pvZFshWu— San Antonio Spurs (@spurs) March 3, 2020

Duncan, 43, won five NBA titles with San Antonio and will be inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame later this year.

The Spurs entered Tuesday's matchup against the Hornets with a 25-34 re-



Former San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan served as head coach during the team's game against the Charlotte Hornets on Tuesday night. Gregg Popovich missed the road game because of personal reasons. File Photo by Brian Kersey/UPI | License Photo

cord, four games behind the Memphis Grizzlies for the No. 8 seed in the Western Conference.

NBA wants players to limit autographs, high-fives amid coronavirus

By Alex Butler UPI

The NBA and National Basketball Players Association sent a memo to players recommending they avoid several common forms of fan interaction in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak.

The league sent the memo, titled Coronavirus: Information to Players, to teams Sunday.

"The health and safety of NBA players, coaches, staff and fans is paramount," the memo said. "Working with infectious disease experts, the NBA and the National

Basketball Players Association are providing the following information for players related to the coronavirus outbreak."

Nearly 3,000 people have died in China as a result of the virus, with more than 5,000 confirmed globally in over 70 nations and territories.

More than 100 confirmed cases have been reported in the United States, according to state and federal officials.

The NBA and players association memo defined the coronavirus and how it spreads, explained the symptoms, provided an

outlook for cases in the United States and educated players about the best practices to decrease the likelihood of contracting it.

"For the time being, when interacting with fans and strangers, avoid high-fiving and offer fist bumps instead," the memo said.

The memo also urged players to avoid taking pens, markers, balls and jerseys from fans while signing autographs.

"The coronavirus has officially hit Oregon, more specifically Lake Oswego," Portland Trail Blazers star C.J. McCollum tweeted Sunday. "Make sure you



NBA players have been urged not to exchange items with fans during autograph sessions amid the spread of the coronavirus. File Photo by Keizo Mori/UPI | License Photo

are all washing your hands with soap for 20 or more seconds and covering your mouths when you cough.

"I am officially taking a break from signing autographs until further notice."

The NBA regular season ends April 15. Playoffs begin April 18 and end in early to mid-June.

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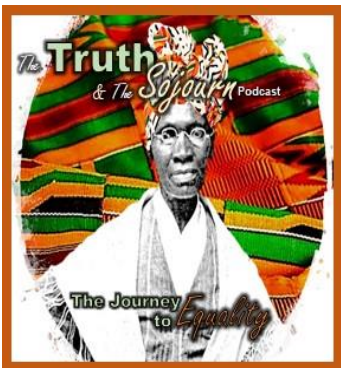
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Jacksonville Jaguars trading CB A.J. Bouye to Denver Broncos

By Connor Grot UPI

The Jacksonville Jaguars agreed to trade veteran cornerback A.J. Bouye to the

Denver Broncos on Tuesday. League sources told ESPN and NFL Media that Denver will send a fourth-round draft selection in this year's NFL Draft to the Jag-

uars in exchange for Bouye. The deal can't be processed until the new league year begins March 18.

Bouye said he was informed of the pending trade from both Jaguars general manager Dave Caldwell and Broncos president and general manager John Elway. "I'm on the way to get my kids, [and] I get a phone call from Caldwell, saying he appreciates everything I did for the team," Bouye told ESPN. "Then, Elway calls me, saying, 'Welcome to Denver.' Now everyone is calling. I'm just finding out. I want to thank Jacksonville."

Bouye, who went undrafted in 2013, played four seasons with the Houston Texans (2013-16) before signing with the Jaguars in March 2017. He was a key member of Jacksonville's 2017 free-agent class, which was regarded as one of the best in team history.



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Maxim Baldry joins ‘Lord of the Rings’ ensemble

By Karen Butler
UPI

British actor Maxim Baldry has landed a lead role in Amazon’s upcoming The Lord of the Rings series.

Deadline and TV Guide reported the casting news.

No details were immediately disclosed about the character he will play.

J.D. Payne and Patrick McKay will write the series, with J.A. Bayona to direct multiple episodes in New Zealand. The fantasy drama’s ensemble will also include Robert Aramayo, Morfydd Clark, Owain Arthur, Nazanin Boniadi, Tom Budge, Ismael Cruz Córdova, Ema Horvath, Markella Kavenagh, Joseph Mawle, Tyroe Muhafidin, Sophia Nomvete, Megan Richards, Dylan



Director J.A. Bayona’s “Lord of the Rings” series on Amazon has added British actor Maxim Baldry to its cast. File Photo by Jim Ruymen/UPI | License

Smith and Charlie Vickers.

Tolkien book series of the same name, previously adapted by filmmaker Peter Jackson as a trilogy of

blockbuster movies. The show -- which has been renewed for a second season ahead of its debut

-- is set in the fictional world of Middle Earth and will take place in the Second Age.

Baldry, 24, is known for his performances in Years and Years, Hollyoaks, Mr. Bean’s Holiday, Doctor

Alex Trebek gives health update:

By Karen Butler
UPI

Jeopardy! host Alex Trebek released a video message for fans on Wednesday to give an update on his battle with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

The video was released onto the official Jeopardy! Twitter account. It has been one year since Trebek

announced his diagnosis.

Trebek says in the clip that the one-year survival rate for Stage 4 pancreatic cancer patients is 18 percent, a marker he has just reached.

“There were moments of great pain, days when certain bodily functions no longer functioned and sudden, massive attacks of great depression that made me wonder if it really was

worth fighting on,” the game show host said.

The 79-year-old said he pushed those feelings aside to keep fighting for his wife, Jean, and other cancer patients who look up to him.

Trebek said that the two-year survival rate for Stage 4 pancreatic cancer patients is seven percent, but that his oncologist is certain that he will be

celebrating his second anniversary of survival next year. “If we -- because so many of us are involved in this same situation -- if we take it just one day at a time, with a positive attitude, anything is possible. I’ll keep you posted,” Trebek concluded.

Trebek said in December he has rehearsed what he will say for his final goodbye on Jeopardy!

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South Central’s own George Ayino and Coach Justin Trey Harrell continue to Win, Win, Win as the team of young Mr. Ayino and Coach Harrell have racked up some 107 heavyweight wrestling victories and took home the statewide heavyweight wrestling trophy . Mr. Ayino has already traveled to close to 10 college campuses and has also made the all-star team with varsity football and wrestling. Mr. Ayino is a Grade A student competes at a high level in track while making time to play in the school band . Mr. Ayino will more than likely end up at Johns Hopkins to continue his studies. Congrats to Mr. Ayino, as he continues to be a positive light on the Pitt Co. Education system.

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Supreme Court sides with Kansas in undocumented immigrants case

By Sommer Brokaw
UPI

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Tuesday in favor of Kansas in a case about enforcing the state's identity theft laws against undocumented immigrants.

At issue, was the case of Ramiro Garcia, who used another person's Social Security number to get a job at a restaurant, and two other people who did the same, and were convicted under state identity theft law.

In particular, Garcia's lawyers argued he could not be convicted under state law because the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 preempts it.

The Kansas Supreme Court agreed and threw out all three convictions.

In a 5-4 ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court held Tuesday that the three convictions were not preempted by federal law, reversing the lower court's decision. Justice Samuel Alito delivered the majority opinion,

which Justices John Roberts, Neil Gorsuch, Clarence Thomas and Brett Kavanaugh joined.

Tuesday's decision was not only a win for the state, but it was also a win for President Donald Trump's administration, which supported Kansas in the case.

"Kansas' prosecutions," Solicitor General Noel Francisco argued in briefs, "neither invade a federally occupied field nor conflict with Congress' purposes" in passing the federal law.

Justices Elena Kagan, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor joined Stephen Breyer in the dissent.

It's already a federal crime for an employee to put a false Social Security number on an I-9 work authorization form, and the dissent said the IRCA preempts the state from using tax-withholding forms to "police" the matter.

"By permitting these prosecutions, the majority opens a colossal loophole," Breyer wrote in the dissent.



The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that a federal immigration law does not preempt Kansas state prosecutions of three undocumented immigrants for identity theft. File Photo by Mike Theiler/UPI | License Photo

"Starting a new job almost always involves filling out tax-withholding forms alongside an I-9.

So unless they want

to give themselves away, people hoping to hide their federal work-authorization status from their employer will put the same false

information on their tax withholding forms as they do on their I-9.

To let the states prosecute such people for the

former is, in practical effect, to let the states police the latter. And policing the latter is what the Act expressly forbids."

Soccer: Real Madrid shuts out Barcelona in El Clasico

By Alex Butler
UPI

Real Madrid scored twice in the final 20 minutes to beat La Liga rival Barcelona 2-0 in the most recent edition of El Clasico, as Madrid now sits in first place in La Liga with one more point than second-place Barcelona.

Vinicius Junior and Mariano scored for Real Madrid in the shutout victory Sunday at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid.

"Winning a Clasico is a positive thing," Madrid defender Sergio Ramos told reporters. "After recent results, some of which were not so good, and having been knocked off top spot, we needed to make it up to the fans and beat a top rival like Barcelona.

"It was a great chance to get some control back and get a result without conceding [a goal]. ... These are three vital points. There is a lot of road left to run and we need to focus. We have to get the most points we can [in the La Liga standings]."

Midfielder Toni Kroos worked with Vinicius Junior on a give-and-go passing exchange on the left flank during the first scoring sequence.

Vinicius Junior had the



Lionel Messi has now appeared in a record 43 editions of El Clasico. Photo by Junjo Martin/EPA-EFE

ball before passing back to Kroos. He then slid behind Barcelona's back line before Kroos split the several defenders with a pass to lead him into the box. Vinicius Junior then dribbled close to the near post before he fired a shot toward the goal. The shot ricocheted off of Barcelona defender Gerard Pique and went

by keeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen for first blood in the 71st minute.

Madrid keeper Thibaut Courtois denied several Barcelona chances down the stretch before Mariano added another score in stoppage time to clinch the victory. Right back Dani Carvajal sent a throw-in feed down the right

flank during that exchange. Mariano caught up to the pass and sprinted down the sideline, outrunning the Barcelona defense before reaching the box. The Madrid striker kept the ball on his right boot before putting a move on ter Stegen and firing a shot into the near-post netting.

"It was my best night as

a Real Madrid player," Vinicius Junior said. "I always work a lot and I knew that a moment like this would come. Kroos passed me the ball, we always do it in trainings, today it came off and I scored. The shot was on target.

"We continue to work as always. [Coach Zinedine] Zidane is asking for the

best from us, we played very well today and we won."

Barcelona next faces Real Sociedad in La Liga at 12:30 p.m. EST Saturday at Camp Nou in Barcelona. Madrid has a La Liga clash against Real Betis at 4 p.m. Sunday at Benito Villamarin Stadium in Seville, Spain.

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