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On the Calendar

- June 4, 5 pm, Zoom, America at a Crossroads, Erwin Chemerinsky with Warren Olney, hosted by Jews United for Democracy and Justice. [RSVP](#)
- June 5, 2 pm to 3:30 pm, [Postcards on Wednesday](#), upstairs at the T&C, writing to flip California congressional districts AND with a special project! (see below)
- June 6, 5:30 to 7:30, [Brynn Felix's Bremerton Campaign Kick Off Event](#), 725 Park Ave, Bremerton, sponsored by LD 23 Democrats.
- June 7, 1:30 pm, Zoom, [Politics with David Harrison](#) (date to be confirmed)
- June 8, 10 am to 12 pm, Meet & Greet in Suquamish for Brynn Felix. Email lkadet@icould.com for details.
- June 15, 10 am, [People's March and Freedom Festival](#) in Celebration of Juneteenth!
- June 15, 11 am to 4 pm, [Juneteenth Freedom Festival](#), sponsored by the League of Women Voters.
- June 15, 4 pm to 5:30 pm, [A Reception in Support of Emily Randall for Congress](#) (WA-6) at the Maher-Sherman residence, 5743 Old Woods Lane, Bainbridge Island.
- June 27, Presidential debate
- June 29, 2024, 9 am to 2 pm, [Free Scrap Metal and Small Electronics Recycling, Kitsap County Fairgrounds](#)
- July 11, DJT to be sentenced, date may slip
- July 11, League of Women Voters candidate forum, including Brynn Felix.
- July 14, 1 pm to 3 pm, Open House in Poulsbo for Brynn Felix. Details to come.
- July 14, 5 pm, LD 23 Democratic candidate forum. Details to come.
- July 20, [Kitsap Pride at Kitsap County Fairgrounds](#)
- August 6, Primary Election Day

(Just One of) This Week's Big Stories - The trial

- **Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg's Criminal Election Interference Case**, Judge Juan Merchan presiding.
 - Trump follows up 34-count conviction with [30-minute free-association ramble](#).
 - [Fact checking Trump's remarks](#) after historic conviction in election interference trial.
 - Democrats [push back](#) at argument guilty verdict strengthens Trump.
 - [Reuters/Ipsos](#): 10% of GOP voters say they are less likely to vote for Trump. 8% of those identifying as Trump supporters and 15% of GOP voters say Trump should drop out. Reuters has Biden leading 41% to 39%.
 - [Morning Consult](#): 49% of Independents think Trump should drop out post-guilty verdict is Biden 45% to 44%.
 - ABC News: Half of Americans [think Trump's guilty verdict was correct](#) and he should end his campaign.

- "I Was In The Courtroom When Donald Trump Was Found Guilty. [Here's What You Didn't See.](#)"
- After Trump conviction, [GOP lawmakers attacked the U.S. justice system.](#)
 - For example, [Kristie Noem](#) (R-SD).
 - Mike Johnson [begs Supreme Court](#) to save dear leader.
- DA Alvin Bragg graduated from Harvard College with a Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, in 1995 with a major in government. Here's the article that appeared in the Harvard Crimson on June 8, 1995 entitled, "[The Anointed One.](#)"
- Judge Juan Merchan [could take the E. Jean Carroll case into account](#) when deciding how to sentence Trump for his 34-count criminal conviction over falsified business records.
- What's next after Trump's criminal conviction? [A huge test for Judge Juan Merchan.](#)
- Trump's [election interference conviction](#): What happens next.
 - How might Judge Merchan treat Trump? [These defendants know.](#)
 - He [can still vote in Florida](#), according to [Ron DeSantis](#).
 - The U.K., Australia and Canada have [strict restrictions](#) on felons traveling there. Felons are banned from entering China.
 - [Loss of gun rights.](#)
 - How Trump will [appeal the verdict](#).
- Americans [largely split on whether they approve](#) of Trump's conviction.
- Trump is in uncharted territory. The [full effect of the verdict](#) won't sink in overnight.
- Hillary Clinton [reacted to the verdict](#) with just four words: "Anything going on today?"

Do Something!

- **Sickened by Thomas, Alito and the Roberts Supreme Court?** Then do something! Go to [dumpalito.com](#) and download three letters of complaint (your choice of .docx or .pdf): one for Thomas, one for Alito and one for Aileen Cannon. The letters include instructions for where to mail them (so you'll need a printer). If you don't have a printer, Kathy will bring printed copies of the letters to Postcards on Wednesday, 2 pm at the T&C on June 5.
- **Take the Indivisible Bainbridge Island candidate preference poll!!!!** Do you prefer [Brynn Felix](#), [Greg Nance](#) or [John Gibbons](#) to represent LD 23, position 2, in Olympia next year? [Take the poll!](#)
- **Sign a petition**
 - [Sign MoveOn's petition](#) to hold Alito accountable.
- **Phone bank/Door knocking**
 - Phone bank or door knock for Brynn Felix. Email Brynn at info@brynnfelix.com.
 - [Call CA Voters](#) in Support of Dave Min and Derek Tran to Take Back the House! (CA-47 and 48), Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Hosted by Activate America.

- [Call Arizona Voters](#) in Support of Ruben Gallego, Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays, hosted by Activate America.
- **Text bank**
 - Learn about how Activate America's text banking works [here](#).
 - [Sign up for text banking](#) so you're notified when text banking starts later in the year.
- **Write Postcards!** Indivisible Bainbridge Island postcard writers meet upstairs at the T&C every Wednesday at 2 pm.
 - This week, we're writing for Derek Tran in CA-45 (currently represented by Michelle Steele (R)) and will continue to write to flip California CDs through July. Note that "vulnerable Republicans [stay silent](#) on Trump conviction."
 - **Can't make it to POW?** Click [here](#) for how to write postcards anyway.
 - **Can't write but want to help?** We can always use any stamps or stamp money you can donate!

Holding Trump Accountable

- **Special Counsel Jack Smith's Jan. 6 case;** trial is stayed until SCOTUS makes a decision on presidential immunity. Oral arguments were heard April 25.
 - No news.
- **Special Counsel Jack Smith's Documents Case;** no longer set for May 20, 2024; Judge Aileen Cannon presiding and indefinitely postponed.
 - Prosecutors ask judge in classified documents case to [block Trump from statements endangering law enforcement](#).
 - Judge Cannon [denied the special counsel's request](#) to impose gag order on Trump over Trump's false claim that the agents who conducted the search of Mar-a-Lago planned to assassinate him. Cannon threatened the prosecutors with sanctions.
 - Smith makes a [new plea for gag order](#) to protect law enforcement from Trump.
 - More than 1,000 appeals court [complaints seek Judge Cannon's removal](#) from Trump case. Be sure to [add your own!](#)
- **DA Fani Willis Election Interference RICO Case;** no trial date
 - DA Fani Willis [appeals decision to dismiss](#) some of the charges in Trump election case. In March, Judge Scott McAfee [dismissed three charges](#) against Trump:
 - That defendant Trump solicited the Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives to violate his oath of office on December 7, 2020, by requesting or importuning him to call a special session to unlawfully appoint presidential electors.
 - That defendants Trump and Mark Meadows solicited the Georgia Secretary of State to violate his oath of office on January 2, 2021, by requesting or importuning him to unlawfully influence the certified election returns.

- That defendant Trump solicited the Georgia Secretary of State to violate his oath of office on September 17, 2021, by requesting or importuning him to unlawfully decertify the election.
- DA Willis won her Democratic primary on May 22. Judge McAfee won his non-partisan election to keep his seat.
- The Georgia Senate held a hearing as part of their investigation into DA Fani Willis. [Watch](#) the hearing.
- **Giuliani**
 - Giuliani moves [closer to losing law license](#) for trying to overturn Trump's election loss.
- **"Tourists"**
 - N.J. man [sentenced to 12 years](#) on Jan. 6 charges.
- **Other Trump news**
 - "[The Donald Trump I Saw on The Apprentice](#)," by Bill Pruitt. "For 20 years, I couldn't say what I watched the former president do on the set of the show that changed everything. Now I can."
 - 'I'm gonna get blacklisted': Apprentice insider [confirms tape of Trump](#) using n-word exists.
 - Fun fact: The man who brought Trump to nationwide fame via the Apprentice [is an evangelical Christian](#).
 - E. Jean Carroll's lawyer says [a new lawsuit is 'on the table'](#) after Trump's Memorial Day blurt.
 - Trump [scores legal](#) win over his niece for her role in bombshell NYT tax reports
 - DJT [closed at \\$49.09 on Friday](#) after peaking at 55.25 on Tuesday's close.

Elections

- **President Biden's campaign**
 - Democrats will have to [nominate Biden virtually](#) to bypass Ohio's GOP-controlled intransigent legislature.
 - Biden campaign [plans to get more aggressive](#) once Trump trial ends.
 - Biden's use of the bully pulpit on greedflation has some effect: Walgreens joins Target, Amazon, Walmart in announcing steep summer price cuts.
- **Trump campaign**
 - Trump says he won't 'ban' birth control. [Here's what he may do instead](#).
 - There's a [new dark money group](#) supporting Trump.
 - GOP megadonor [Miriam Adelson to fund colossal super PAC](#) for Trump.
- **U.S. Senate Races**
 - Robert Menendez (D-NJ) [looks to be running again](#) as an Independent, even as he's being tried for bribery.
 - Prosecutors [zero in on Bob Menendez's relationship](#) with his wife

- **U.S. House**
 - Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D-NY) finds himself in the [crosshairs](#) of a Black voter group founded by an AIPAC veteran.
- **In Washington**
 - Watch the Washington Indivisible interview with Emily Randall. Here are the links: [Apple](#), [Soundcloud](#), [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#)
 - **In November, vote NO** on the three initiatives funded by MAGA-millionaire, hedge-fund manager, part-time hobby farmer, former Californian, Brian Heywood. The initiatives are I-2109 to kill the capital gains excise tax, I-2117 to kill the Climate Commitment Act and I-2124 to kill WA Cares long-term care program.
 - **Decline to sign** the builders association's [initiative](#) (I-2066) to block the phase-out of natural gas in new residential construction in Washington. A signature gatherer was spotted at the Poulsbo Wal-Mart this week.
 - Campaign watchdog [ramps up disclosures for yard signs](#) and AI-generated ads in Washington.

President Biden and His Administration

- Biden administration looks to [speed review of asylum cases](#) with new dedicated docket.
- Biden [announces Israel has offered](#) a three-part proposal to end the war in Gaza.
- 21 states (including Washington) [join Biden administration](#) in bid to modernize nation's aging electrical grid. Oddly, all of the states have Democratic governors.
- Treasury Dept.
 - U.S. [levels new sanctions](#) over Russian disinformation campaign.
 - U.S. [bans maker of spyware](#) used to target government officials and journalists.

In Congress

- **Senate**
 - After the Trump verdict in New York, Senate conservatives [vow to oppose DOJ funding boost](#) and Biden nominees.
 - Eight GOP senators say [they'll slow the Senate](#) even further because of the Trump verdict. They are Mike Lee (R-UT), J.D. Vance (R-OH), Tommy Tuberville (R-AL), Eric Schmitt (R-MO), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Rick Scott (R-FL), Roger Marshall (R-KS.) and Marco Rubio (R-FL). What can we do?
 - Support [Democrat Debbie Mucarsel-Powell](#) (running against Scott).
 - Support [Democrat Gloria Johnson](#) (running against Blackburn).
 - A birth control access advocacy group [launched an ad campaign ahead of Senate vote](#).

- Lawmakers [pressure President Biden to change](#) the administration's struggling Sudan policy.
- Sen. Joe Manchin has [registered as an Independent](#). Manchin did not disclose if he will continue caucusing with Democrats.
- **House**
 - Trump pressures Republicans to [pass a law to keep him out of jail](#) forever.
 - House passes bill outlining [new framework for crypto regulation](#) despite SEC pushback.
 - U.S. leaders [invite Netanyahu](#) to deliver an address to Congress.
 - Thanks to Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA) there's a [bipartisan push to make air travel easier](#) for new parents packing breast milk and formula.

In the Courts

- **Supreme Court**
 - No decision on Trump immunity claim.
 - Supreme Court [revives NRA's lawsuit alleging](#) that New York violated its First Amendment rights
 - Alito
 - Alito has [rejected calls from members of the Senate Judiciary Committee to quit Supreme Court cases](#) on Trump and Jan. 6 because of flag controversies.
 - The Washington Post decided not to publish their reporting on the upside-down flag in January 2021. Here's what they've published now: "[Wife of Justice Alito called upside-down flag 'signal of distress'](#)"
 - The Alito scandal is [worse than it seems](#).
 - Neighbor claims Alito's [security detail was used to threaten her](#).
- **Lower Federal Courts**
 - Retired four-star admiral [charged with accepting bribes](#) for contracts.
 - [Senator Bob Menendez \(D-NJ\) on trial](#): Menendez told top USDA official to '[stop interfering](#)' with company accused of offering bribes.
 - A [federal lawsuit has been filed](#) on behalf of the owner of a blind and deaf 13-lb. Shih Tzu that was [repeatedly shot](#) by a Missouri police officer after it became lost in someone's yard earlier this month.

In the States

- Majority of U.S. voters [support holding fossil fuel companies liable](#) for climate change.
- Child care cost [rising at nearly twice the pace of inflation](#).
- Women on Mediterranean diet [live significantly longer](#).
- Michelle Obama's mom, Marian Robinson, [has died](#).

- My lab conducted a study on preschool girls. [What we discovered should disturb you.](#)
- Bird flu [detected in alpacas](#) in U.S. for the first time.
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- **In Alaska**
 - Bristol Bay salmon [would benefit](#) from added protection in federal law.
- **In Florida**
 - How [Florida's abortion law](#) is affecting East Coast abortion clinics.
 - Florida's top education official says [public school closures](#) are a tradeoff for school choice.
- **In Louisiana**
 - Louisiana became the first US state to [classify abortion pills as controlled substances](#).
- **In Vermont**
 - Vermont becomes first state to [require oil companies to pay for climate change damage](#).
- **In Washington**
 - Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA) is [fighting for issues](#) until the end of his term.
 - More weapons are [showing up](#) in Washington's schools.
 - Police [get back ability](#) to chase criminals.
 - How West Sound networks are focused on [crisis stabilization for individuals in need](#) of behavioral health help.
 - How did Moms for Liberty [end up on WA's approved list](#) of groups training teachers?
 - WSF opens bidding on [building five new hybrid-electric vessels](#), to be delivered in 2028.
 - New bike trail [connects neighborhoods](#) to Bainbridge High and Ordway Elementary.
 - Boeing pays \$11.5M to [employees owed wages](#) for work travel.
 - Kitsap Community Resources [gives out funds](#) for those in need.
 - Crematoria are unregulated on Bainbridge Island. Learn about the effort to [Fix the Code Bainbridge Island](#).
 - Lawmakers [look at allowing judges](#) to resentence people serving long prison terms.
 - On the Washington-Idaho border, there's a [high school for pregnant and parenting teens](#).
 - Five water projects in Western states (including Washington) to [receive \\$242 million from feds](#).
 - How [WA counties are spending millions](#) in opioid settlement dollars.
 - Washington will [require insurers to reveal reasons](#) for rate hikes.
 - Washington state is in line to [receive about \\$24.3 million](#) in funding for clean school buses, spread across 16 districts.

- **Israel/Hamas War**

- **In Israel**

- Netanyahu on cease-fire talks: 'Conditions for [ending the war have not changed](#).'
 - President Biden says [Israel has offered road map](#) toward lasting cease-fire in Gaza.
 - Netanyahu [blasts Biden admin](#) for rejecting GOP effort to sanction the International Criminal Court.
 - More [anti-government protests](#) demanding the release of all Gaza hostages kick off in Israel.
 - Israel describes permanent cease-fire in Gaza as '[nonstarter](#).'

- **In Gaza**

- [Israeli attack on Rafah tent camp kills 45](#), prompts international outcry.
 - Deadly Rafah strike [doesn't cross](#) Biden's 'red line.'
 - U.S.-built pier [will be removed from Gaza coast](#) and repaired after damage from rough seas.
 - 50 bodies [recovered](#) from Jabalia refugee camp.
 - US, Qatar and Egypt [call on Israel and Hamas](#) to finalize ceasefire proposal in joint statement.

- **Mexico**

- As [criminals take control of territory south of the border](#), the U.S. could lose its top trading partner and potentially strongest ally.
 - Claudia Sheinbaum is [poised to win Mexico's presidency](#) this weekend.

- **Ukraine/Russia War - Day 828**

- War-hit Ukrainians [fight against U.S. fatigue](#) and caution. "Be Brave Like Ukraine."
 - Russia [hits Ukraine energy infrastructure](#) in large-scale missile and drone attack.
 - How Biden got to a 'yes' on [letting Ukraine hit inside Russia](#).
 - Putin [warns of 'serious consequences'](#) if Ukraine uses western arms in Russia.
 - [From Al Jazeera](#):
 - Ukraine's air defense systems [destroyed 24 of the 25 attack drones](#) that Russia launched overnight, according to a statement by the air forces.
 - Russia also [launched an Iskander-K cruise missile](#) towards Ukraine's Kharkiv region and an anti-aircraft guided missile, the Russian Air Force said.
 - Kyiv destroyed the majority of a combined 100 missiles and drones in an attack on key energy sites across five regions, which caused damage, the air force and energy authorities said.

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