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The internet is just about saturated with commentary on Thursday's [presidential debate](#) between President Joe Biden and ex-President Donald Trump, so let's talk about what else the two [candidates](#) were up to this week.

In Florida, the prosecutors who charged Trump in his classified documents case [sparred](#) with a Trump-appointed judge over whether she should impose a gag order. [Erik Uebelacker](#) was on the scene in Fort Pierce.

In another hearing, the judge [appeared skeptical](#) that the FBI's Mar-a-Lago raid ran afoul of the Constitution, as Trump claims — but she'll hold a [hearing](#) to dig deeper.

Meanwhile, [Benjamin S. Weiss](#) and [Kelsey Reichmann](#) report Biden pardoned [LGBTQ service members](#) who were discharged under a gay sex ban that's been off the books for more than a decade and scored a Supreme Court win in his [push against misinformation](#) on social media.

Speaking of SCOTUS, the high court [leaked](#) another abortion ruling this week before officially publishing its finding that Idaho [can't ban](#) the procedure for women facing serious health emergencies. Reichmann and [Ryan Knappenberger](#) report.

The justices issued other major rulings on the fate of the [Sackler family](#), [Capitol riot](#) prosecutions, [homeless encampment](#) takedowns, the [Chevron doctrine](#), greenhouse gas [emissions](#) and whether Steve Bannon has to report to prison in a few days. (Spoiler: [he does](#).)

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— *Nina Pullano*



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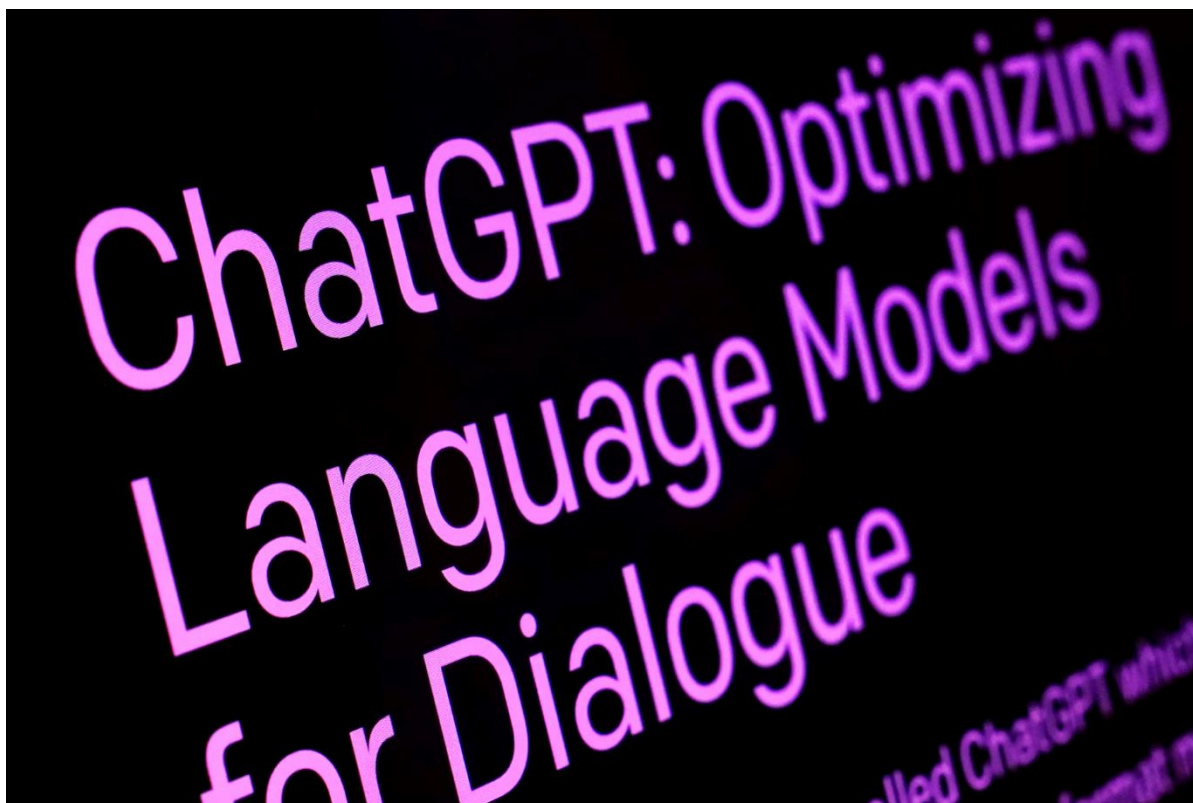
The NFL is on the hook for [more than \\$14 billion](#) after [jurors](#) found the league conspired with DirecTV to charge subscribers [inflated prices](#) for its Sunday Ticket bundle. [[Edvard Petterson](#)]

» The Ninth Circuit [revived](#) an IT worker's lawsuit saying Facebook wouldn't hire him because of his citizenship status: He's an American citizen. [[Hillel Aron](#)]

» At the last minute, the suspect in the 2022 Highland Park Fourth of July shooting [refused](#) to take an anticipated plea deal. [[Caitlyn Rosen](#)]

» Civil liberties groups [sued Louisiana](#), making good on a [promise](#) to challenge the state law requiring schools to post the Ten Commandments. [[Sabrina Canfield](#)]

» A federal judge trimmed an [antitrust suit](#) against Disney over the prices it charges streaming services to carry ESPN, but allowed significant parts to survive. [[Hillel Aron](#)]



The country's oldest nonprofit newsroom accused ChatGPT maker OpenAI and Microsoft of [using copyrighted content](#) to train their AI programs. Overseas, European regulators accused Microsoft of [thwarting EU antitrust laws](#) by bundling its Teams platform and Office software suite. [[Dave Byrnes](#), [William Dotinga](#)]

Top 8: This week's most-read stories

1. [Family of two young US citizens awarded over \\$1.5 million for being falsely imprisoned by feds at border](#)
2. [Supreme Court rules juries, not judges, may determine who is a career criminal](#)
3. [Parents of Arizona 'Gilbert Goon' deny responsibility for suspected beating](#)
4. [New horned dinosaur, now named after Norse god, discovered in Montana](#)
5. [Right-wing activist who spread conspiracy theories over DNC staffer's death loses defamation appeal](#)
6. [Oops: Supreme Court posts draft decision to allow emergency abortions in Idaho](#)
7. [10th Circuit: Tina Peters to face trial over voting machine interference](#)

8. Judge presses prosecutors over Jack Smith's funding as Trump's lawyers try to buck Florida indictment



Federal prosecutors [rested their case](#) against [Senator Bob Menendez](#), the New Jersey Democrat [accused](#) of selling his influence and power in exchange for gold bars, luxury cars and other bribes. [[Erik Uebelacker](#), [Josh Russell](#)]

Rulings on our radar 📡

» **Utah Supreme Court:** A lower court's dismissal [stands](#) in a suit brought by the sponsors of state legislation that would put an age limit on candidates for federal office.

» **Arapahoe County District Court:** A Colorado doctor has [settled](#) her lawsuit against the Catholic hospital that fired her after she consoled a terminally ill patient seeking aid in dying.

» **Ninth Circuit:** The court [upholds](#) the dismissal of claims that Mars and Starbucks misled buyers into believing Dove Dark Chocolate products were made without employing child slave labor or contributing to rainforest deforestation.

» **Massachusetts Court of Appeals:** The conviction of a man accused of maliciously killing the cat he shared with his girlfriend is [vacated](#).

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