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Biden Irked by Democrats Who Won't Take 'Yes' for an Answer on 2024

The New York Times, 27 June 2022

Jonathan Martin and Zolan Kanno-Youngs

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/27/us/politics/biden-2024-democrats-trump.html>

--- Mr. Biden has been eager for signs of loyalty—and they have been few and far between. Facing intensifying skepticism about his capacity to run for re-election when he will be nearly 82, the president and his top aides have been stung by the questions about his plans, irritated at what they see as lack of respect from their party and the press, and determined to tamp down suggestions that he's effectively a lame duck a year and a half into his administration.

President Biden to Award Medal of Honor

The White House, 27 June 2022

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/27/president-biden-to-award-medal-of-honor/>

--- On July 5, 2022, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. will award the Medal of Honor to four U.S. Army Soldiers who fought in the Vietnam War: Staff Sergeant Edward N. Kaneshiro (posthumous), Specialist Five Dwight W. Birdwell, Specialist Five Dennis M. Fuji, and retired Major John J. Duffy.

Harry Truman's 1955 Chrysler New Yorker for Sale: \$83,500

Car and Driver, 26 June 2022

Sebastian Blanco

<https://www.caranddriver.com/news/a40423290/1955-chrysler-new-yorker-for-sale-harry-truman/>

--- This car is a rarity – a car that wasn't just owned by a former president but one that was also used by Harry Truman as his personal daily driver once he left office. The car was also used five months after Truman left the white house when he took Bess Truman on a 19-day road trip from Independence, Missouri, to the East Coast and back. That trip is outlined by Matthew Alegeo in his 2011 book called, "Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure."

Remarks by President Biden at Signing of S.2938, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act

The White House, 25 June 2022

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2022/06/25/remarks-by-president-biden-at-signing-of-s-2938-the-bipartisan-safer-communities-act/>

--- From Columbine to Sandy Hook, to Charleston, Orlando, for the shootings that happen every day in the streets that are mass shootings – and we don't even hear about them, the number of people killed every day in the streets --- their message to us was: "Just do something." For God's sake, just do something.

LBJ's Great Society: Legacy of Failure

NEWSMAX, 23 June 2022

Laura Hollis

<https://www.newsmax.com/laurahollis/great-society-lbj-lyndon-johnson/2022/06/23/id/1075750/>

--- Last week I visited the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library on the University of Texas campus. The library is housed in a beautiful building with impressive resources, gracious employees and staff, and I thoroughly enjoyed the exhibits devoted to LBJ and his accomplished wife, Lady Bird Johnson. And yet, I came away from my visit profoundly sad. Johnson viewed Kennedy's death as an opportunity for self-aggrandizement and to push his own agenda. We continue to suffer the consequences of the misguided policies of the 1960s. Johnson may have had ignorance as an excuse. Almost 60 years later, we do not.

Leave Joe Biden Alone

The Atlantic, 14 June 2022

Tom Nichols

<https://www.theatlantic.com/newsletters/archive/2022/06/leave-joe-biden-alone/661278/>

--- Biden's been a good president, but Republicans want to impeach him and some Democrats want to replace him.

The Massive Amount of Money George Washington Spent On Ice Cream

TastingTable, 8 June 2022

Wendy Leigh

<https://www.tastingtable.com/888313/the-massive-amount-of-money-george-washington-spent-on-ice-cream/>

--- Ice cream was destined to become part of the American story when President George Washington took a shine to the sweet new treat that was introduced to America by the French, according to Smithsonian Magazine. The affinity for ice cream never waned as he brought it into his home at Mount Vernon in Virginia at a surprisingly high cost. As early as May 1784, records show a purchase by Washington of a "Cream Machine for Ice" notes the Journal of the American Revolution. A subsequent accounting in 1790 by a New York business merchant revealed that he spent \$200 on ice cream that summer, which equates to almost \$6,300 in today's currency, per the Official Data Foundation.

Biden increasingly relies on DPA, drawing GOP scorn

The Hill, 7 June 2022

Alex Gangitano and Morgan Chalfant

<https://thehill.com/news/administration/3515197-biden-increasingly-relies-on-dpa-drawing-gop-scorn/>

--- President Biden is repeatedly turning to the Defense Production Act (DPA), a decades-old law that gives the president broad authority to increase the manufacturing output of critical items in a national emergency—he has used it to Increase the production of solar-panels—which are not essential to defense. Biden also invoked the law to speed up production of materials used to make baby formula, in that case receiving bipartisan calls from Congress to do so.

Biden to Host Latin American Leaders at Summit in Los Angeles

The New York Times, 7 June 2022

Michael D. Shear

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/07/us/politics/biden-summit-los-angeles.html>

-- Even before the first meeting, the president is the subject of a boycott by some of the most important heads of state, who have refused to attend because of Mr. Biden excluding several dictators in the region. His agenda for the meeting—which includes a series of lofty-sounding announcements—is being met with deep skepticism. Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico are not attending the summit after Biden’s insistence that the leaders of Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela not attend.

Biden wants to get out more, seething that his standing is now worse than Trump’s

POLITICO, 5 June 2022

Jonathan Lemire

<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/06/05/biden-wants-to-get-out-more-seething-that-his-standing-is-now-worse-than-trumps-00037278>

--- President Joe Biden and his aides have grown increasingly frustrated by their inability to turn the tide against a cascade of challenges threatening to overwhelm the administration. In crisis after crisis, the White House has found itself limited or helpless in its efforts to combat the forces pummeling them. Morale inside 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. is plummeting amid growing fears the parallels to Jimmy Carter, another first-term Democrat plagued by soaring prices and a foreign policy morass, will stick.

Americans Are Unusually Lukewarm About A Second Biden Term

FiveThirtyEight, 3 June 2022

Amelia Thomson-DeVeaux

<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/americans-are-unusually-lukewarm-about-a-second-biden-term/>

--- President Biden says he'll run for reelection in 2024. But some Americans don't believe him – and moreover, many don't want him to throw his hat into the ring for a second term. Part of this might simply reflect that Americans are unenthusiastic about a redux of the 2020 election. Concerns about Biden's age could be a concern. He's Already the oldest president in U.S. history and will be 81 by the time 2024 rolls around. But some voters might think it's time for Biden, who pitched himself as a "bridge" to a new generation of political leaders, to step aside in favor of a candidate who's not an old, white man.

Andrew Jackson: The 'original anti-establishment president'

The Christian Science Monitor, 2 June 2022

Barbara Spindel

<https://www.csmonitor.com/Books/Book-Reviews/2022/0602/Andrew-Jackson-The-original-anti-establishment-president>

--- David S. Brown's compelling new biography of a former American president depicts a man who was imperious and sensitive to slights and collected enemies Throughout his career. He ran for the presidency as a populist who condemned elites and convinced voters that he could turn back the clock in a changing America. Many denounced him for his autocratic tendencies, but the criticisms did little to Slow his rise.

Trump's MAGA is marching down a trail blazed by the Tea Party

NPR, WAMU 88.5, 21 May 2022

Ron Elving

<https://www.npr.org/2022/05/21/1100386445/trumps-maga-is-marching-down-a-trail-blazed-by-the-tea-party>

-- The "Tea Party", created a dozen years ago during the 2010 midterm elections, re-made Congress and helped the Republican Party to a decade of dominance in electing legislatures to roughly 30 states. Today, the populist energy within the Republican Party goes by the name former President Donald Trump gave it: MAGA (Make America Great Again). And its influence on the 2022 midterm elections seems destined to track that of the Tea Party surge in 2010.

Biden Signs \$40B for Ukraine Assistance During Asia Trip

U.S. News and World Report, 21 May 2022

Associated Press

<https://www.usnews.com/news/business/articles/2022-05-21/biden-signs-40b-for-ukraine-assistance-during-asia-trip>

President Biden on Saturday signed legislation to support Ukraine with an additional \$40 billion in U.S. assistance as the Russian invasion approaches its fourth month. The funding is intended to support Ukraine through September, and it dwarfs an earlier emergency measure that provided \$13.6 billion.

Biden aims to take on China by boosting economic ties between U.S. and South Korea

NPR, 20 May 2022

Asma Khalid

<https://www.npr.org/2022/05/20/1100477075/biden-aims-to-take-on-china-by-boosting-economic-ties-between-u-s-and-south-kore>

-- President Biden wants to counter the economic might of China. He visited a semiconductor plant outside Seoul to kick off a trip aimed at his top foreign policy priority. Even as Russia's war in Ukraine rages on, Biden made his first trip to Asia since taking office. The South Korean plant is owned by Samsung, which is spending \$17 billion to build a similar plant in Texas.

Federal judge blocks Biden administration from lifting Title 42 for now

CNN Politics, 20 May 2022

Priscilla Alvarez

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/05/20/politics/title-42-biden-us-mexico-border/index.html>

-- Judge Robert Summerhays in Louisiana has for now blocked the Biden administration from ending a Trump-era pandemic restriction, known as Title 42, at the US-Mexico border, thwarting plans to terminate the controversial health authority. The authority allows border officials to turn away migrants at the US-Mexico border.

Registration open for next Eisenhower Lunch & Learn

Salina Post (Kansas), 20 May 2022

Eisenhower Presidential Library

<https://salinapost.com/posts/d2b47df6-4d74-4700-adf3-acb6dbe70a80>

-- Continuing with our theme "The Making of a Leader", author Jack Holl, Ph.D., and former chair of the Department of History at Kansas State University, will speak about Eisenhower's leadership during the flu pandemic of 1918. His program will focus on his recent article titled "The Second Battle of Gettysburg: "Eisenhower's Fight with the 1918 Flue Pandemic."

Herbert Hoover's final visit to Iowa

Iowa Public Radio, 19 May 2022

John Pemble, Rick Brewer

<https://www.iowapublicradio.org/2022-05-19/from-the-archives-herbert-hoover>

-- The premiere episode of *From the Archives* features a recording from 1962, when President Herbert Hoover returned to his hometown of West Branch, Iowa on his 88th birthday for the dedication of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum. The event was podcast live over WSUI. During his speech, Hoover cautions against the spread of communism across the world. (Transcript and recording included with article on the Internet)

Biden eases restrictions on Cuban travel and remittances

NPR, 16 May 2022

Franco Ordoñez

<https://www.npr.org/2022/05/16/1099378855/biden-eases-restrictions-on-cuban-travel-and-remittances>

-- The Biden administration plans to make it easier for families to visit relatives in Cuba and increase visa processing on the island, reversing some of former President Trump's harsh policies toward the island government.

Biden starts conceding that the bygone era of D.C. may, indeed, be gone

POLITICO, 15 May 2022

Jonathan Lemire

<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/05/15/biden-midterms-less-bipartisanship-00032585>

-- To the frustration of many Democrats and some of his closest advisers, President Joe Biden has steadfastly spent more than a year in office insisting on trying to work across the aisle with Republicans. He now admits he was wrong. "I never expected the ultra-MAGA Republicans who seem to control the Republican Party now to have been able to control the Republican Party," the president said last week. "I never anticipated that happening."

What H.W. Bush could teach Biden

POLITICO Nightly, 13 May 2022

David Siders/Myah Ward

<https://www.politico.com/newsletters/politico-nightly/2022/05/13/what-h-w-bush-could-teach-biden-00032414>

-- It won't be long before "George Herbert Walker Biden" creeps into the vernacular, given the parallels surfacing between the 41st president and the 46th. Like the first President Bush, President Joe Biden is viewed by much of Washington as fundamentally decent--good at democracy and foreign policy but bamboozled by an economy that, apart from inflation, he keeps suggesting is fine. People didn't feel that way in 1992, and despite job growth and low unemployment, they certainly don't now.

Statement from Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter

The Carter Center, 10 May 2022

<https://www.cartercenter.org/news/pr/2022/anilca-statement-051022.html>

-- The Alaska National Interest Lands and Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA) established more National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, and Wilderness Areas than any in history. The split-panel Circuit Court decision in *Friends of Alaska Nat'l Wildlife Refuges v. Haaland* does not reflect that balance. It is overbroad and permits the Secretary of Interior to undo Congressionally designated wilderness. Unless reversed, it would open tens of millions of acres of public lands for adverse development.

New Truman bio offers balanced perspective on his presidency

STL Jewish Light (St. Louis), 4 May 2022

Robert A. Cohn, Editor-In-Chief-Emeritus

4 May 2022

<https://stljewishlight.org/arts-entertainment/new-truman-bio-offers-balanced-perspective-on-his-presidency/>

-- In his superbly written new biography, "The Trials of Harry S. Truman," Jeffrey Frank, a Presidential historian, avoids both adulation and harsh judgement of the Man from Missouri. For admirers and skeptics of HST, Frank, who previously wrote about Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard M. Nixon, presents a rigorously researched description of the man who took over the presidency on the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt on April 12, 1945. After taking the oath, the "pale and shaken" Truman asked White House correspondents to "pray for me" stating that he felt like, "the sun and moon and all the planets had crashed down on me."

President and Mrs. George W. Bush Meet with Recent Afghan Evacuees

George W. Bush Presidential Center, 4 May 2022

Press Release by Sarah Gibbons

[https://www.bushcenter.org/about-the-center/newsroom/press-](https://www.bushcenter.org/about-the-center/newsroom/press-releases/2022/05/president-and-mrsbush-meet-with-recent-afghan-refugees.html)

[releases/2022/05/president-and-mrsbush-meet-with-recent-afghan-refugees.html](https://www.bushcenter.org/about-the-center/newsroom/press-releases/2022/05/president-and-mrsbush-meet-with-recent-afghan-refugees.html)

-- The meeting helped inform the Bush Institute's ongoing efforts to advance policy and mobilize solutions to the growing challenges facing the Afghan people.

Nancy Pelosi reportedly 'increasingly open' about frustrations with Joe Biden

SFGATE, 3 May 2022

Eric Ting

<https://www.sfgate.com/politics/article/Nancy-Pelosi-open-about-Biden-frustrations-17142291.php>

-- The relationship between President Joe Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has frayed to the point where the San Francisco Democrat has grown "increasingly open" about her frustrations with the president, according to a new book from New York Times political correspondents Jonathan Martin and Alex Burns.

Unlike predecessors, Biden adopted traditional foreign policy

The Daily Progress, 3 May 2022

Donald Nuechterlein

https://dailyprogress.com/unlike-predecessors-biden-adopted-traditional-foreign-policy/article_5bdbb126-cb32-11ec-b68a-47349ace287c.html

-- A summary of post-World War II presidents' foreign policy including praise for Joe Biden who "rebuilt America's frayed relations with NATO and tougher policies toward China and Russia."

Former president Bill Clinton lunches with Biden at the White House

The Washington Post, 2 May 2022

Michael Scherer

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/05/02/biden-clinton-lunch-white-house/>

-- Clinton and Biden had lunch at the White House Monday, days after the two crossed paths at the funeral of former secretary of state Madeleine Albright. The meeting comes as Biden enters a midterm campaign that shares similarities for Democrats with the first-term election that faced Clinton in 1994.

Biden: Mondale rescued me from darkness

Politico, 1 May 2022

David Cohen

<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/05/01/biden-mondale-memorial-dark-days-00029194>

-- "They helped me find my purpose in a sea of darkness and pain," the president said of Mondale and his wife during a belated memorial for Mondale held at the University of Minnesota. Biden described the aftermath of the fatal car crash in December 1972 in which his wife and daughter were killed and both of his sons were seriously injured.

The Night Kennedy and Nixon Were Bunkmates

Politico, 29 April 2022

Bryan Bender

<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2022/04/29/jfk-nixon-bunkmates-00028388>

-- On April 21, 1947, two rookie congressmen made their way through the bustle of Washington's Union Station. Traveling without an entourage, they looked like any of the other business travelers rushing to catch trains. They hailed from different parties, different worlds really. But both had served as Navy officers in the South Pacific and had built a cordial, even friendly working relationship as the junior members of the House Committee on Education and Labor. John Kennedy, 29, was still gaunt from his war injuries and numerous ailments that remained well hidden from voters. His traveling companion, Richard Nixon, nearly five years older, was the socially awkward but Ambitious product of a hardworking poor Quaker family. The pair of freshmen had been invited by a local civic group to travel 230 miles to McKeesport, Pa., to debate one of the most hotly contested pieces of legislation making its way through their committee - the Taft-Harley Act, which ultimately passed over President Harry Truman's veto.

The Endless Struggle Between Presidents and the Press

Washington Monthly, 28 April 2022

Lindsay M. Chervinsky

<https://washingtonmonthly.com/2022/04/28/the-endless-struggle-between-presidents-and-the-press/>

-- A new study focuses on the relationship between the White House and the media in the years since Woodrow Wilson. Most presidents complain in private, and sometimes in public, about media coverage of their administration, but they begrudgingly accept it as the cost of doing business. A few presidents, like Theodore Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy, developed mutually beneficial relationships and even friendships with reporters that led to positive coverage. Conversely, some presidents, like Woodrow Wilson, Richard Nixon, and Donald Trump, proclaimed that reporters were the enemies of the people. In his new book, *Clash: Presidents and the Press in Times of Crisis*, Jon Marshall, a journalism professor at Northwestern University, examines presidents' often combative relationship with the media.

New Book Delves Into JFK's Charisma, Insatiable Affairs--and His Last Moments with Baby Son Patrick

People, 26 April 2022

Virginia Chamlee

<https://people.com/politics/new-book-delves-into-jfks-affairs-charima-the-loss-of-his-son-patrick/>

-- In *Incomparable Grace: JFK in the Presidency*, published Tuesday, Mark K. Updegrove writes of how the White House and Kennedy's own personal trials Transformed him before his sudden death less than three years into his term in office, the period that would come to be known as "Camelot," a mythical creation designed by his widow to help ensure his legacy.

'Regulation has to be part of the answer' to combating online disinformation, Barack Obama said at Stanford event

Stanford News, 21 April 2022

Melissa De Witte, Taylor Kubota and Ker Than

<https://news.stanford.edu/2022/04/21/disinformation-weakening-democracy-barack-obama-said/>

-- Former U.S. President Barack Obama delivered a keynote address about how information is created and consumed, and the threat that disinformation poses to democracy.

D.R. Bahlman: Facing fear with FDR and the 'Get Ready Man'

The Berkshire Eagle, 13 April 2022

D.R. Bahlman

https://www.berkshireeagle.com/opinion/columnists/d-r-bahlman-facing-fear-with-fdr-and-the-get-ready-man/article_a66cca72-ba8e-11ec-ad02-472ab3aeca6e.html

-- Observing that it was Roosevelt's leadership "which inspired free men in every part of the world to fight with great hope and courage," The New York Times made its own prediction soon after his death. As they face their fears with the power of example, all people may "thank God on their knees a hundred years from now that Franklin D. Roosevelt was in the White House."

Gillian Anderson hoped Bill Clinton would call her after 'intimate' meeting

New York Post, 13 April 2022

Samantha Ibrahim

<https://nypost.com/2022/04/13/gillian-anderson-wanted-bill-clinton-to-call-her-after-1992-meeting/>

-- Gillian Anderson may be portraying Eleanor Roosevelt in Showtime's upcoming series, "The First Lady" -- but she met a certain president way back when. The 53-year-old recalled meeting former President Bill Clinton back on his campaign trail in 1992 during a chat on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" Tuesday evening. "He did the most miraculous thing in the world, he shakes your hand, then he grabs you elbow and at the same time he holds your arm further up," she told host Kimmel, 54. "I went home, I thought -- this was in the days of answering machines -- I literally thought that I was going to go home to a message from him," she added. "I did. It was that real."

We need a Herbert Hoover to reel in Big Tech

The Hill, April 2022

Jeffrey M. McCall

<https://thehill.com/opinion/technology/548811-we-need-a-herbert-hoover-to-reel-in-big-tech/>

-- Hoover invited scientists, educators and public service leaders to a series of conferences to study radio and its influence. These conferences set the stage for Congress to pass the Radio Act of 1927 and establish a federal agency (today's FCC) to oversee electronic media. The foundation of the legislation was the "impact rationale," the notion that mysterious and powerful media could be so influential that the government should necessarily take a role in overseeing them on behalf of the public. The national could use a Herbert Hoover today to take on Big Tech and to look out for the interests of average Americans. Wells-Barnett unsuccessfully lobbied Congress to pass a national anti-lynching law introduced by Illinois congressman William Lorimer. She continued to petition through seven different administrations. After 124 years since Wells-Barnett visited the White House and after nearly 200 attempts by Congress to pass a federal anti-lynching law over the course of the 20th century, President Joe Biden signed the Emmett Till Antilynching Act into law.

Ida B. Wells pushed 7 presidents to pass anti-lynching legislation. Now it's finally law.

NBC News, 11 April 2022

Julianne McShane

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/ida-b-wells-pushed-7-presidents-pass-anti-lynching-legislation-now-s-f-rcna23596>

-- In March 1898, the journalist Ida B. Wells-Barnett was the sole woman among eight congressman who made a visit to the White House. They came to implore President William McKinley to punish the killers of Frazier Baker. South Carolina's new postmaster, who was the first Black person to hold the position, and his daughter Julia, had been shot to death by members of a white mob a month earlier.

The Truman Show

Asia Times, 11 April 2022

James Carden

<https://asiatimes.com/2022/04/the-truman-show/>

-- How the Democratic Party became the War Party. A Brief history of the Cold War shows the Republican Party has traditionally been the party of détente: Under the presidencies of Dwight Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and George Bush I, relations with the Soviets were marked by a spirit of reciprocity, as well as an awareness of the national interests of the opposing nuclear superpower. On the other side of the aisle, it may be only a slight exaggeration to say that the Democrats have had the Russians in their sights since the afternoon of April 12, 1945. Since the passing of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, it has been the Truman Show all the way down. Since the end of the Second World War the Democratic Party has been dominated (with the occasional, if partial, exceptions of the administrations of John Kennedy and Barack Obama) by anti-Soviet, anti-Russian ideologues.

Problems with presidential records are not just about Trump

The Hill, 8 April 2022

Kenneth Osgood and Jeremi Suri

<https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/3261428-problems-with-presidential-records-are-not-just-about-trump/>

-- Recent examples of record destruction are noteworthy because they are not exceptional. Efforts to hide unseemly, unwise, illegal, embarrassing or reckless activities have become a defining characteristic of the modern presidency. Presidents and their loyalists have too much control over the records they produce. For those closest to the president, there is little oversight of what they record and how. There are few protections against the doctoring and destruction of documents.

The Return of the Old American Right

The Wall Street Journal, 8 April 2022

Matthew Continetti

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-return-of-the-old-american-right-11649430434>

-- The Trump GOP resembles the party of Calvin Coolidge in its commitment to economic protection, restricted immigration and non-intervention abroad. It is hard to think of two American presidents with less in common. For one thing, Coolidge held a variety of public offices, from Massachusetts governor to vice president, before assuming office on Aug. 2, 1923. Mr. Trump had no government or military experience before his inauguration in 2017. Coolidge, moreover, was a budget hawk who never met a line item he didn't want to cut. Mr. Trump presided over record peacetime deficits even before federal spending took a quantum leap during the coronavirus pandemic.

U.T. Austin Acquires Archives That Give Insight Into the 1960s

New York Times, 7 April 2022

Douglas Brinkley

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/04/07/books/kearns-goodwin-archive-ut-austin.html>

-- For decades Doris Kearns Goodwin and her husband Richard kept their archives, including more than 300 boxes of diaries, letters, scrapbooks, memos and speech drafts that Goodwin had saved, especially from his White House days in the 1960s, stored in the two-story barn on their Concord, Mass., property. On Thursday, the Dolph Brisco Center for American History at the University of Texas in Austin announced the acquisition of the Goodwin papers for \$5 million, with Kearns Goodwin's own archive donated to live alongside her husband's.

Biden again extends pause in federal student loan payments

ABC News, 6 April 2022

Molly Nagle and Rebecca Gelpi

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/biden-extends-pause-federal-student-loan-payments/story?id=83907963>

-- President Joe Biden on Wednesday announced another extension in the pause in federal student loan payments -- this time until Aug. 31. The delay would be the sixth extension to the program in two years of the pandemic and it comes less than a month before payments were scheduled to restart on May 1, potentially affecting millions of borrowers who have not been making payments.

Biden says 'major war crimes' being discovered in Ukraine after he announces new sanction on Russia

CNN Politics, 6 April 2022

Kevin Liptak, Betsy Klein and Kaitlan Collins

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/04/06/politics/us-latest-sanctions-on-russia/index.html>

-- President Joe Biden declared "major war crimes" were being discovered in Ukraine as Russian forces retreat from areas around Kyiv, citing scenes of brutal, cold-blooded executions as rationale for ratcheting up US sanctions on Moscow, speaking to a union crowd in Washington. The White house announced new sanctions on Russia's largest financial institutions and a number of individuals tied to the Kremlin, including Russia President Vladimir Putin's two adult daughters.

Rich Lowry: Inflation Threatens Biden presidency

Coastal Courier, 6 April 2022

Rich Lowry

<https://coastalcourier.com/opinion/rich-lowry-inflation-threatens-biden-presidency/>

-- Joe Biden is engaged in the most extensive test of whether an American president can survive elevated levels of inflation since Jimmy Carter, and it's not going well. The latest NBC News poll has Biden at a dismal 40% approval rating that, if it doesn't change, will end the careers of Democrats up and down the ballot in November's mid-term elections.

Six years later, the Clinton machine is finally busted for violating campaign law

Washington Examiner, 6 April 2022

Dan Backer

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/op-eds/six-years-later-the-clinton-machine-is-finally-busted-for-violating-campaign-law>

-- The Federal Elections Committee (FEC) recently fined Hillary for America, Clinton's 2016 campaign committee, and the Democratic National Committee over the now-infamous Steele dossier. Levying a total of \$113,000 in fines, the FEC determined that Clinton and her co-conspirators used their law firm, Perkins Coie, to secretly fund research by the British national Christopher Steele, who generated and disseminated the salacious and discredited dossier. Democrats illegally used Perkins Coie as a "cut out" to hide their dirty tricks.

The Awkward confrontation

Tehran Times, 6 April 2022

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/471438/The-awkward-confrontation>

-- Former President Barack Obama returned to the White House on Tuesday afternoon for the first time since leaving office five years ago. His visit was scheduled to coincide with an event commemorating the 12th anniversary of the Affordable Care Act, his biggest achievement during his presidency. The article compares the two presidents and concludes that "Biden is not as uncharismatic as Gerald Ford, but he will surely sit next to the worst presidents in American history.

Trump Can't Just Erase History Like Nixon Did

The Atlantic, 6 April 2022

Tim Naftali

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/04/trump-phone-calls-nixon-watergate-gap/629472/>

-- A seven-hour gap has appeared in Trump's official daily White House diary, part of the documentation that the congressional January 6 committee requested for its investigation into all aspects of the country's 2021 insurrection. Harvard law professor Laurence Tribe tweeted that the gap in the record made "the infamous 18-minute gap in Nixon's tapes look like nothing in comparison." By contrast, the newly reported Trumpian gap may actually be easier to fill in, and therefore less of a threat to the Historical record than Nixon's.

Viola Davis and Michelle Pfeiffer in Showtime's 'The First Lady': TV Review

The Hollywood Reporter, 6 April 2022

Angie Han

<https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/tv/tv-reviews/the-first-lady-tv-review-1235125131/>

-- The historical drama weaves together the lives and legacies of three first ladies: Michelle Obama (Viola Davis), Betty Ford (Michelle Pfeiffer) and Eleanor Roosevelt (Gillian Anderson).

Trump Can't Just Erase History Like Nixon Did

The Atlantic, 6 April 2022

Tim Naftali

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/04/trump-phone-calls-nixon-watergate-gap/629472/>

-- A major presidential scandal isn't complete without missing evidence, though Donald Trump seems to have been the first president to swallow his own words, literally. The former president had a habit of tearing drafts and signed documents into small pieces to be thrown away--or flushing them down a toilet. And there have even been reports that, on occasion, he consumed them. Now a seven-hour gap has appeared in Trump's official daily White House diary, part of the documentation that the congressional January 6 committee requested for its investigation into all aspects of the country's 2021 insurrection. Harvard professor Laurence Tribe tweeted that the gap in the record made "the infamous 18-minute gap in Nixon's tapes look like nothing in comparison."

Ronald Reagan's New Economic Order, and What It Meant for America

The New York Times, 5 April 2022

Kevin Boyle

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/04/05/books/review/the-rise-and-fall-of-the-neoliberal-order-gary-gerstle.html>

-- A review of Gary Gerstle's new book, "The Rise and Fall of the Neoliberal Order", America and the World in the Free Market Era

How Teddy Roosevelt Supported Women's Rights

History, 4 April 2022

Sarah Pruitt

<https://www.history.com/news/teddy-roosevelt-womens-rights-suffrage>

-- Theodore Roosevelt's views stood out as progressive for the time--even as they were tempered by traditionalism. He was in many ways an unlikely feminist hero. However, he voiced pointed support for women's rights at different points during his career, from his student years at Harvard to his third presidential run in 1912, when he became the first candidate for the nation's highest office to formally endorse suffrage rights for American women.

Trump asks judge to recuse from racketeering suit against Hillary Clinton

Politico, 4 April 2022

Josh Gerstein

<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/04/04/trump-asks-judge-to-recuse-from-racketeering-suit-against-hillary-clinton-00022832>

-- Lawyers for former President Donald Trump are asking a federal judge appointed by President Bill Clinton to step aside from a suit Trump filed last month claiming that Hillary Clinton and her political allies engaged in a racketeering conspiracy to falsely accuse Trump of colluding with Russia to gain support in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

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