

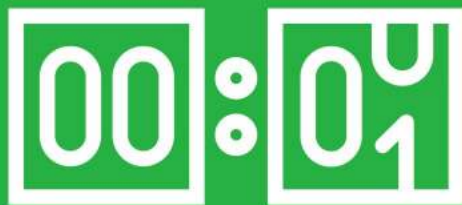
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Require Medicare to cover mobile crisis teams & crisis stabilization services



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How the 'independent legislature' case could upend elections

Arguments in a major Supreme Court case Wednesday could have significant ramifications for how the 2024 election is conducted.

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Officer's family snubs McConnell, McCarthy at medal ceremony.

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The pro-Kevin McCarthy camp is at odds over how potent a threat they will face on Jan. 3, when the full House meets to elect a speaker — and when dissenters are vowing to deny McCarthy the votes he'll need.

House GOP stuck in 'burning building' over speaker's gavel

The conference is tying itself in knots as members agonize over a Jan. 3 vote that could span multiple ballots — and possibly multiple days

BY OLIVIA BEAVERS AND JORDAIN CARNEY

Like many big families and the cast of "Seinfeld," House Republicans are airing their grievances this holiday season.

Simmering frustrations over the slow-burning conservative campaign to derail Kevin McCarthy's speakership bid boiled over during a closed-door House GOP Conference meeting on Tuesday, with Reps. Marjorie Taylor

Greene of Georgia, Mike Kelly of Pennsylvania and other allies of the minority leader standing up to advocate on his behalf, according to three people in the room.

The pro-McCarthy camp is privately at odds over how potent a threat they will face on Jan. 3, when the full House meets to elect a speaker — and when dissenters are vowing to deny the California Republican the votes he'll need.

That's in part because McCarthy dissenters have adopted a slow-drip strategy, gradually dropping signals of new opposition throughout the GOP leader's monthlong courtship of his critics. Some McCarthy backers see the tactics of his conservative skeptics as little more than hot air, predicting that all complaints will fade after a show of force on Jan. 3. But behind closed doors,

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Lawmakers labor for deal on spending bill

Democrats are asking for about \$26 billion more than GOP lawmakers are willing to give

BY CAITLIN EMMA

Top lawmakers are still grasping for the deal they need to tee up a sprawling year-end spending package as potential pitfalls for the bill pile up, nearly guaranteeing that Congress will be working until Christmas or later to fund the government.

Democrats and Republicans leading the negotiations are still tens of billions of dollars apart on a total amount for domestic programs, preventing lawmakers from cementing an agreement on the overall funding levels necessary.

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Rep. Rosa DeLauro questioned Republican's commitment to veterans health funding.

Trump Org. guilty on all counts in New York criminal tax fraud trial

BY ERIN DURKIN

NEW YORK — The Trump Organization was convicted on all charges in a criminal tax fraud scheme on Tuesday.

A New York Supreme Court jury reached the verdict in the case — which could cost the Trump Org. up to \$1.6 million in fines — after two days of deliberation following a monthlong trial that included convicted former Trump Organization chief finance officer Allen Weisselberg as a star witness.

Prosecutors from the Manhattan District Attorney's Office said the company criminally dodged taxes and suppressed payroll costs by lavishing its executives with unreported perks, such as leases on luxury cars and apartments.

Former President Donald Trump was not charged, but Weisselberg, who still works for the Trump Organization, pleaded guilty to the charges and agreed to testify against his employer in exchange

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