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**SUPREME COURT**

## Justices ponder Trump's immunity

Timing of decision, which conservatives seem poised to delay, as vital as outcome

By **Mark Sherman**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Thursday appeared likely to reject former President Donald

Trump's claim of absolute immunity from prosecution over election interference, but several justices signaled reservations about the charges that could cause a lengthy delay, possibly

beyond November's election. A majority of the justices did not appear to embrace the claim of absolute immunity that would stop special counsel Jack Smith's prosecution of Trump on charges he conspired to overturn his 2020 election loss to Democrat Joe Biden. But

in arguments lasting more than 2½ hours in the court's first consideration of criminal charges against a former president, several conservative justices indicated they could limit when former presidents might be prosecuted, suggesting that the case might have to be sent back to lower courts before

any trial could begin. Justice Samuel Alito said that "whatever we decide is going to apply to all future presidents." The timing of the Supreme Court's decision could be as important as the outcome. Trump, the presumptive 2024 Republican presiden-

tial nominee, has been pushing to delay the trial until after the election, and the later the justices issue their decision, the more likely he is to succeed. If Trump regains the presidency, he could order the Justice Department to dismiss the

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A student waving a Palestinian flag moves among Northwestern University students and community members during a protest on campus Thursday in Evanston. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

## Students at Northwestern join pro-Palestinian protest camps

Hundreds take part in movement as school abruptly bans tents on campus

By **Alysa Guffey, Nell Salzman and Stacy St. Clair**  
Chicago Tribune

Hundreds of Northwestern students joined nationwide protests against Israel's war in Gaza on Thursday, prompting school administrators to abruptly change campus policies and ban tents or other temporary structures in common areas. Northwestern President

Michael Schill informed students of the policy change in an email sent just after 9 a.m. By that time, a small encampment had been erected in Deering Meadow, a popular common area on the Evanston campus. "The goal of this addendum is to balance the right to peacefully demonstrate with our goal to protect our community, to avoid disruptions to instruction and to ensure University

operations can continue unabated," Schill said in the email. Students in violation of the new policy risk suspension, expulsion or criminal charges, according to a statement posted on the university's website. School administrators, however, have done very little to enforce the rule since the announcement. Campus officials spent much of Thursday negotiating with the demonstrators, hammering out guidelines that would allow for free speech while preventing

the kind of protests that have roiled universities across the country. "The University is in active discussions with the demonstrators to ensure the safety of members of the Northwestern community while also providing a space for free expression," Jon Yates, vice president for global marketing and communications at Northwestern University, said in an email to the Tribune. The outcome of negotiations between the students

**A call to divest:** Northwestern demonstrators are asking the administration to disclose where the university invests its money and to withdraw its money from any funds profiting off of the war. As a private school, the university isn't required to provide detailed financial statements.

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## New limits on coal power

EPA seeking to speed demise of fossil fuel plants

By **Michael Hawthorne**  
Chicago Tribune

Burning coal to generate electricity already is rapidly declining in the United States. President Joe Biden's administration moved Thursday to speed up the demise of the climate-changing, lung-damaging fossil fuel while attempting to ease the transition to cleaner sources of energy. A package of new regulations adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires coal-fired power plants to reduce emissions of heat-trapping carbon dioxide by 90%, demands steeper reductions of brain-damaging mercury pollution, clamps down on toxic metals dumped into lakes and rivers and orders the removal of hazardous coal ash from scores of unlined pits across the nation. The Biden administration also put the gas industry on notice it might not continue to enjoy its recent economic advantages compared to coal. New gas-fired plants built in the United States will need to meet the same stringent limit on carbon dioxide pollution as existing coal plants. "We are ensuring

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## Autopsy: Reed shot 13 times by officers during fatal traffic stop

By **Sam Charles**  
Chicago Tribune

Dexter Reed was shot 13 times by Chicago police officers during a fatal March traffic stop that left one of the officers shot in the wrist, authorities found. The Cook County medical examiner's office released Reed's autopsy and toxicological reports Thursday, five weeks after he was fatally shot in the Humboldt Park neighborhood. The Civilian Office of Police Accountability said four officers fired a total of 96 shots during the 41 seconds of gunfire. The medical examiner's office found Reed, 26, had been shot in his chest,

shoulder, back, legs and buttocks. A toxicological examination found THC in Reed's system at the time of his death. "The results of today's autopsy demonstrate that these officers used excessive and unreasonable force," Reed family attorney Andrew M. Stroth said Thursday. "Dexter didn't have a chance." The records were released to the public a day after Reed's family announced a civil rights lawsuit against the city and the five officers who were involved in the traffic stop and shooting. The Civilian Office of Police Accountability said Reed shot an officer in the wrist before the other four opened fire.

Police body camera footage, released by COPA this month, showed one officer firing three more rounds at Reed as he was motionless in the street. A CPD source said 11 spent shell casings were found inside Reed's SUV. In the month since the shooting, Reed's death has spurred activists' calls for the CPD to cease its use of plainclothes tactical officers and to reexamine its policies on traffic stops. The shooting has also laid bare a rift between leaders of CPD and COPA. Five CPD tactical officers assigned to the Harrison District (11th) curbed Reed's SUV in the 3800

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## It's official: Bears have Caleb Williams, all his 'magic'

The goal USC quarterback Caleb Williams set at age 10 of becoming the top pick in the NFL draft was realized Thursday. Along with it, Bears fans' recurring dream of finding a franchise quarterback to unlock a long run of title contention was reawakened as many celebrated the pick at a watch party inside Soldier Field, above. **Coverage in Chicago Sports**

