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What We're Reading¹

[The First Thing We Do, Let's Kill All the Leaf Blowers](#), *New York Times*: “But the gasoline-powered leaf blower exists in a category of environmental hell all its own, spewing pollutants – carbon monoxide, smog-forming nitrous oxides, carcinogenic hydrocarbons – into the atmosphere at a literally breathtaking rate.”

[Meet Joe Manchin's Appalling Daughter](#), Liza Featherstone, *The Jacobin*: “In 2007, when Mylan first got the rights to the EpiPen, a two pack cost less than \$100; after [Manchin's daughter] Bresch cut the aforementioned deal with Pfizer, the price increased to more than \$600, with catastrophic results, especially for those who had to pay full price due to lack of adequate insurance coverage. As CNBC reported in 2016, the EpiPen only costs a couple dollars to make — including the drug. Oh, and as a side note, after the price increase, Manchin's wife, Gayle Conelly Manchin, lobbied for federal legislation requiring schools to have EpiPens onsite. The Manchins are truly the worst family in America.”

[Donald Trump's Truth Social is headed for 'embarrassing' failures, Daily Beast report says](#), Joshua Zitser, *Insider*: “Former President Donald Trump's upcoming social media network has already had its fair share of problems, including hackers breaking into the site to post a photo of a defecating pig.”

[Pulled Over: What to Know About Deadly Police Traffic Stops](#), Michael Levenson, *New York Times*: “Over the last five years, The Times found, the police killed more than 400 drivers or passengers who were not wielding a gun or a knife or under pursuit for a violent crime . . . There are genuine risks, but studies have found that an officer's chances of ending up dead at a vehicle stop are less than 1 in 3.6 million.”

[Pramila Jayapal Won't Let the Biden Presidency Fail](#), Michelle Goldberg, *New York Times*: “To Jayapal, passing the reconciliation bill is a political imperative as well as a moral one, because she's convinced that voters will reward Democrats for making their lives materially easier. She shares some of Senator Bernie Sanders's analysis of Trumpism, seeing it at least in part as a result of Democrats abandoning economic populism. Speaking of the Build Back Better agenda, she said, ‘I would argue that had Democrats done some of these things 10 years ago, we would have a lot of the working-class voters that are white in Republican districts.’”

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