

# The Delray Democrat

## What We're Reading<sup>1</sup>

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Ellie Quinlan Houghtaling, [Trump Insists He's "Extremely Normal" During Incredibly Weird Speech](#), *The New Republic*: “‘You know, he said we’re weird,’ Trump told a small crowd in York, Pennsylvania, on Monday during an event that was supposed to focus on the economy. ‘That J.D. and I are weird. I think we’re extremely normal people. We’re like you, we’re exactly like you,’ the [Epstein-socializing, family-separating, woman-hating](#), millionaire former reality TV star and convicted felon said about himself and his vice presidential pick, J.D. Vance, who became the target of an online joke that he had screwed a couch.”

Noah Weiland and Rebecca Robbins, [U.S. Unveils Price Limits for 10 Costly or Common Medications](#), *The New York Times*: “The 10 drugs subject to negotiations include widely used blood thinners and arthritis medications. Had the new prices been in effect last year, administration officials said, Medicare would have saved \$6 billion, which would have reduced its spending on those drugs by 22 percent.”

Jennifer Rubin, [Trump's decline: His interviews and lies get worse](#), *Washington Post*: “Where does this leave Republicans? The MAGA party is caught in a gloom-and-doom loop, forced to run away from the radical Project 2025 plan, defend an increasingly irrational candidate and make excuses for its unlikable, inept nominee for vice president. One wonders when we will hear and see reports about ‘Republican panic!’ or ‘Could Republicans dump Trump?’ Let’s get real: That sort of coverage is reserved for Democrats. Alas, whatever horserace contest the media continues to present bears little resemblance to the jaw-dropping reality before our eyes.”

Patrick Svitek and Dan Lamothe, [Trump draws intense criticism for calling civilian medal ‘much better’ than military award](#), *The Washington Post*: “{The Presidential Medal of Freedom is] actually much better because everyone gets the Congressional Medal of Honor. They’re soldiers. They’re either in very bad shape because they’ve been hit so many times by bullets or they’re dead. [Adelson] gets it, and she’s a healthy, beautiful woman. They’re rated equal, but she got the Presidential Medal of Freedom and she got it through committees and everything else.” Actually, she got it after she planned to [donate up to \\$100 million](#) to a PAC supporting Trump.

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