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COUNTDOWN '24

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Key hearings in two of former President Donald Trump's four criminal indictments are scheduled for Monday, with expectations of new information on Trump's alleged interference in the 2020 presidential election.

- A federal judge in Washington, D.C. [set March 4, 2024 as the trial date](#) for Trump's election interference case in a Monday hearing.
- In Georgia, Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis will set out initial arguments in a hearing on former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows motion to move his case to federal court, [CNN reports](#).
- House Republicans have proposed amendments to a fiscal 2024 appropriations bill that would “prohibit the use of federal funding for the prosecution of any major presidential candidate prior to the upcoming presidential election on November 5th, 2024,” [according to The Hill](#).

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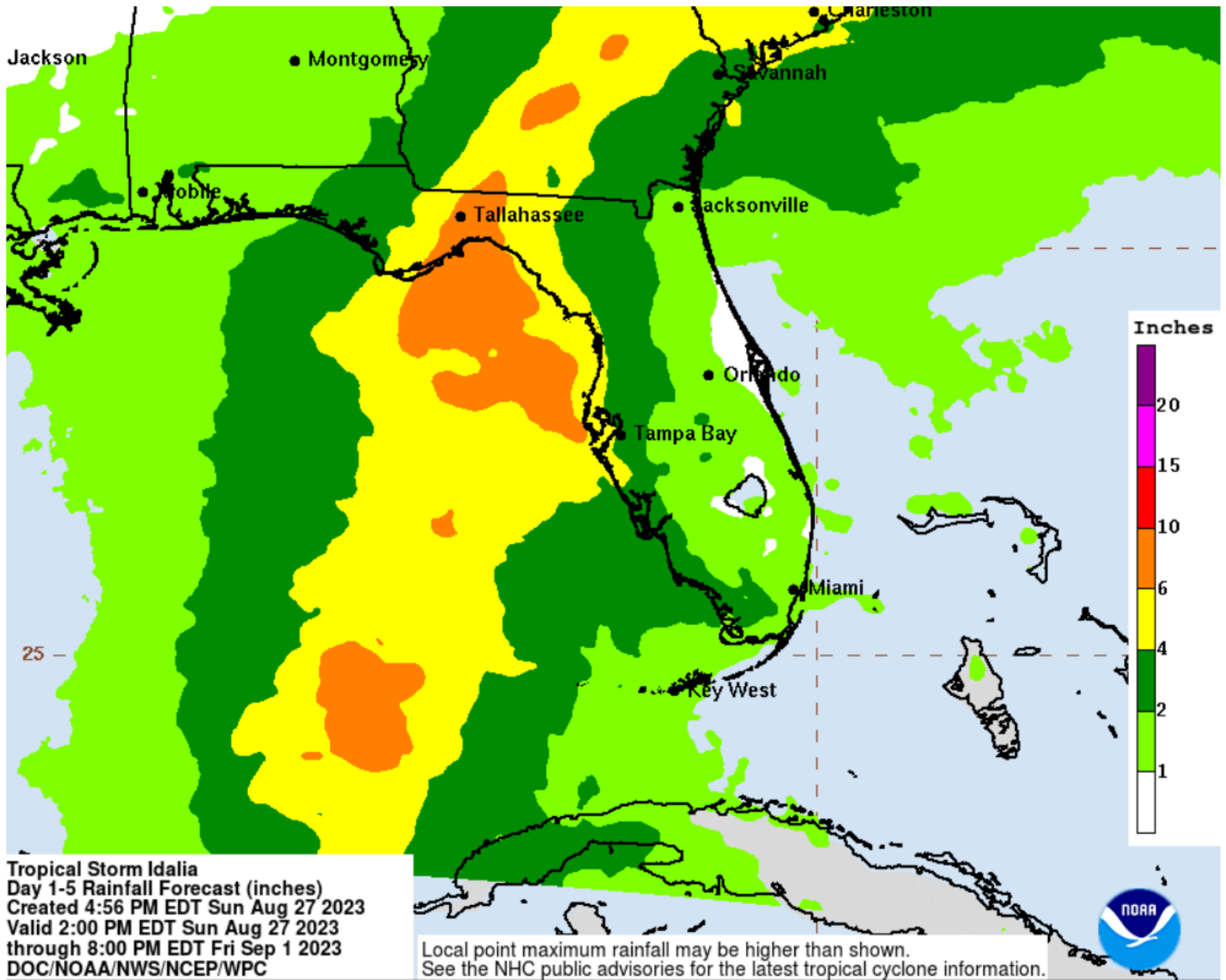


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The federal trial in the case accusing former President Donald Trump of knowingly lying about the 2020 presidential election results and trying to overturn them will begin in March, a federal judge said Monday.

The trial would come amid an important date in the 2024 GOP presidential primary, where Trump remains the front-runner despite facing numerous criminal charges [in multiple cases](#). March 5 is “Super Tuesday,” when 14 states hold nominating contests and the leader in the race establishes a near-insurmountable advantage. | [News from the States](#)

[Gov. DeSantis leaves presidential campaign to attend to Tropical Storm Idalia](#)



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Gov. Ron DeSantis paused his presidential campaign Sunday, returning to Tallahassee to oversee planning for Tropical Storm Idalia, which forecasters expect to make landfall near the Big Bend area as a hurricane sometime Tuesday.

“We’re locked down on this. We’re gonna get the job done. This is important, so people can rest assured,” DeSantis told reporters during a briefing at the state Emergency Management Center. |

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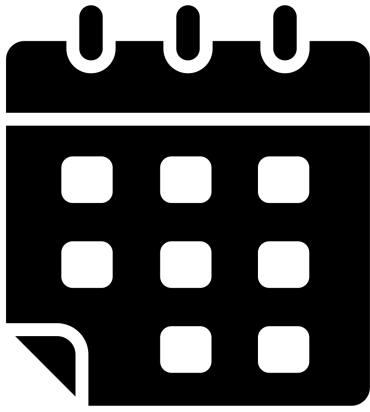
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Commentary

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- Register caucus poll shows 'hands off' approach to Trump isn't working | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)

COMING UP *Calendar of events*

- **Sept. 8, 2023, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA** | Trump plans to appear at a rally with Gov. Kristi Noem, though the state's all-Republican congressional delegation [will not attend](#).
- **Sept. 27, 2023, SIMI VALLEY, CALIFORNIA** | [Fox](#)



- [Business will host](#) second GOP presidential debate.
- **March 4, 2024, WASHINGTON, D.C.** | The date set for scheduled jury selection to begin in the Trump federal election interference case.

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