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THIS WEEK IN COMMENTARY

Welcome to the best opinion pieces of the week from **News From The States**. Our commentary includes our own journalists from across our extensive network as well as outside voices to bring a wide range of perspectives and ideas. In addition to the sampling below, [you can look through all our commentary here](#).

TOP COMMENTARY OF THE WEEK

Who earned the title of Donald Trump's most special boy in the GOP governor's debate?

Leann Ray | *West Virginia Watch*



West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner (clockwise from top left), former House Judiciary Committee Chairman Moore Capito, Attorney General Patrick Morrissey and businessman Chris Miller participated in a Republican governor's debate moderated by MetroNews' Hoppy Kercheval on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2024 in Raleigh County, W.Va. (center). (WOAY TV YouTube screenshot)

It is an exhausting time to be a West Virginian who follows politics.

We've passed the halfway mark of the 2024 regular legislative session, there's a governor's race going on and Gov. Jim Justice is running for U.S. Senate while a bank is planning to auction off some of his land to pay off some of the millions he owes.

I know. It's a lot. It's easy to miss some of it, and it's OK to not pay attention to all of it. That's what we're here for.

Let me catch you up.

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David DeWitt | *Ohio Capital Journal*

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Janelle Stecklein | *Oklahoma Voice*

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Ruth Conniff | *Wisconsin Examiner*

[Transparency rules are great. Following them is better.](#)

Quentin Young | *Colorado Newsline*

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Jamie Lucke | *Kentucky Lantern*

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