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Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis delivers his victory speech on Nov. 8, 2022, in Tampa. MIKE LANG/SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE VIA USA TODAY NETWORK

DeSantis using redistricting map, special sessions to shape legacy in swan song term

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Political insiders say there's little risk for Gov. Ron DeSantis in pushing for special sessions on congressional redistricting and property tax reform in his last year as governor. Public support for redrawing Florida's congressional map is weak, and Re-

publican incumbents warn that the Legislature could put their seats in jeopardy. And any significant reduction in property taxes would likely take effect after DeSantis leaves office, leaving its consequences - fiscal or political - for others to manage. But DeSantis said he wants redistricting to ensure election maps comply

with constitutional and legal standards, while a session on property taxes forces lawmakers to address rising costs by delivering broad affordability relief. By calling special sessions, DeSantis can drive the agenda and force debate, even if the political or fiscal fallout unfolds after he leaves office. And by advancing high-profile issues that energize his base, he burnishes his policy legacy if he decides to run for president in 2028.

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Judge in Missy Mogle case recuses herself from murder trial

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Leon Circuit Judge Tiffany Baker-Carper recused herself from the murder trials of the man and woman charged with the murder of 5-year-old Missy Mogle - an explosive case in which the judge herself became a focal point. In an April 27 order, Baker-Carper recused herself from the trials of Missy's stepfather, Daniel Spencer, and mother, Chloe Spencer. Both Spencers are charged with first-degree murder and face the death penalty.

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FSU shooting probe, suicide lawsuits point to AI influence gone wrong

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The advice of artificial intelligence chatbots resulting in deadly consequences has landed in the spotlight again as the state launches a criminal probe into ChatGPT's role in the Florida State University shooting that left two dead last year. The leap these chatbots are making into mainstream use have some experts raising the alarm that AI could be keeping people from getting the psychological help they need - and sometimes giving vulnerable people the wrong advice entirely. In announcing a criminal investigation against ChatGPT and its parent

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Ludacris visits FAMU Marching band after 'Pull Over Challenge'

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A one-minute performance by Florida A&M University's Marching 100 to Ludacris' new single "Pull Over" was enough to attract the Grammy-winning rapper to campus to see the "incomparable" band for himself. The Marching 100 released an April 13 video of its performance as part of a viral social media campaign called the "Pull Over Challenge," where Ludacris invited HBCU marching bands and college students to perform to his new, high-energy song. Five days later, the rapper posted an Instagram video of him pulling up to FAMU's campus. "I told my uncle gas up the jet - I'm going down to Tallahassee to show them

my appreciation," Ludacris said in the April 18 Instagram video post. While Ludacris' new single was released earlier this month, a FAMU spokesperson said the Marching 100's performance to the rapper's challenge was filmed on Jan. 28. Details on the performance being filmed on a date prior to the song's release and the social media challenge's launch are unclear, and the performance was not publicized during the time it was filmed. FAMU alumnus and noted Hollywood producer Will Packer accompanied Ludacris to the university for his visit, and while on campus, the two celebrities danced along with the Marching 100 as the student band members performed the challenge together.

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Grammy-winning rapper Ludacris visits FAMU's Marching 100 after the band performed the "Pull Over Challenge," a viral social media campaign promoting his new single. PROVIDED BY CURTIS SMITH/FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY

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