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President rejects Iran's seven-day offer to reopen the Strait and reschedules the bombing for after the midterms; his U.N. ambassador goes on Fox to say the $6.48 diesel came from Ukraine

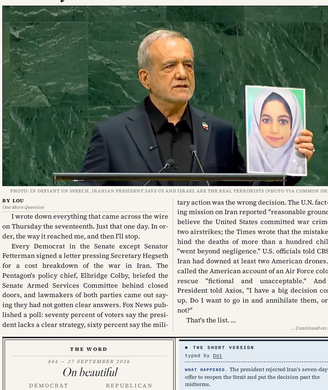


PHOTO: IN DEFIANT US SPEECH, IRANIAN PRESIDENT SAYS US AND ISRAEL ARE THE REAL TERRORISTS (PHOTO VIA COMMON DREAMS)

BY LOU
The Open Question

I wrote down everything that came across the wire on Thursday the seventeenth. Just that one day. In order. No edits. No commentary. Just the feed.

Every Democrat in the Senate except Senator Fetterman signed a letter pressing Secretary Hegseth for a cost breakdown of the war in Iran. The Pentagon's policy chief, Elbridge Colby, briefed the Senate Armed Services Committee behind closed doors, and members of both parties came out saying they had not gotten clear answers. Fox News published a poll: seventy percent of voters say the president lacks a clear strategy, sixty percent say the military action was the wrong decision. The U.N. fact-finding mission on Iran reported it has credible evidence to believe the United States committed war crimes in two airstrikes; the Times wrote that the mistakes behind the deaths of more than a hundred children "went beyond negligence". U.S. officials told the Post Iran had downed at least two American drones. Iran called the American account of an Air Force colonel's rescue "fictional" and unacceptable. And the President told Axios, "I have a big decision coming up. Do I want to go in and annihilate them, or do I not?"

That's the list. …

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The Week

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The cease-fire Trump turned down *Sunday's leader, three days*	29	44	370
The $3,000 check nobody authorized *Sunday's leader, three days*	16	3	87
The farmer paying for the war *Sunday's leader, five days*	16	1	80
Sixty-five billion barrels, $4.15 a gallon *Sunday's leader, Ruth*	15	1	45
The map Missouri lost five times *In the ledger, off the front*	13	10	45
Fetterman's Republican convention video *In the ledger, off the front*	13	2	45
The triumphal arch with snipers *In the ledger, off the front*	11	4	25
The Greenland deal that isn't ownership *In the ledger, off the front*	10	7	20

Outlets are distinct sources across the house's receipts; versions are how many times the house rewrote the lead. Ties break by the last time a story the house rain straight is counted and not joked.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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THIS WEEK'S WORD

Tariff *(n.)*

Fifty percent tariffs on Canada. Paused with two hours to spare — "we have a deal." The deal lasted three days.

The tariff ask, timestamped: the eleventh-hour pause, pending paperwork; the collapse and the midnight tariffs and the neighbor's reply — "You're at war when you get attacked." The field stands on the ledger. So does the dugout.



PHOTO: TRUMP SAYS 'NO DECISION' COMING ON WHETHER TO ANNIHILATE IRAN (PHOTO VIA THE DAILY BEAST)

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

The line is farmers first, and the line holds. Walk the week with me and we will see it holds.

Tuesday the 15th, the Congressional Budget Office closed its books and priced the war at $38 billion. In a federal budget that is a rounding error — it is not a rounding error, it would never say that, it is $38 billion of real money, and

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Priced by the budget office at $38 billion, a figure it calls conservative, the war is being paid at the pump by the farmer who voted for it and now says he can't stay in business.



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Same $994 check counted down five times by one outlet: 15 days, then 8, 3, 2, then 4

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

On August 29th, the Washington Examiner filed "September Social Security direct payment worth $994 goes out in three days." The next morning, August 30th, it filed the same payment again — same number, same September first — headline changed to "goes out in two days." On

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Trump Jr.'s wife says the wedding gift needed no explaining; the president explains it was repaid.

BY LOU
The Open Question

Here's the list, in the order I wrote it down.

September 14th: Bettina Anderson posted a photograph that a little clarity seems in order, that the wedding gift from Russian oligarch Umar Kremlev was nothing to get making headlines over. Same day: Robert Garcia, the ranking member on House Oversight, presses for an administration for answers about what that oligarch's money bought. September 16th: Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez says the administration is selling out every Latinx in this country. September 18th: the president

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President praises 'fantastic' UK arrest, then says the same suspects were 'looking to do big damage'

BY SAL
Staff Writer

Sunday morning, armed police arrested five men near RAF Fairford, the Gloucestershire base that flies U.S. strikes on Iran, after three vehicles were reported heading toward it around 12:45 a.m. Sunday, police checked the vans, about 85 households were evacuated, and British police opened the case under the Explosives Act, on suspicion of preparation for terrorism. By late afternoon, in Chicago, the president had already used that arrest once as proof his Iran war worked. Then he called the same operation "fantastic," the police work

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Fraud gets you convicted if it buys a gold Cybertruck; it gets you $60,000 peak cut without one.

TRICARE, the military's health program, $26 million for transcranial magnetic stimulation treatments, the government's filing says he billed. Meanwhile, the Justice Department got its conviction, when Kenneth Ferner Beaufort, a Texas clinic that billed

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Kansas pastor asks, 'Wasn't Jesus woke?'; Republican strategists call the race a 'perfect storm.'

BY SAL
Staff Writer

Seven-four years is how long it has been since Kansas sent a Democrat to the U.S. Senate. That is the streak Sen. Roger Marshall is running to protect in 2026, and the record now shows the people paid to protect it describing, on the open, how it could end.

The first crack showed on September 16, when Kansans for Responsible Government endorsed Adam Hamilton, the Methodist minister challenging Marshall, over the sitting Republican incumbent. Five days later, on September 18, a poll went out reporting Hamilton ahead of Marshall in a race the wire called tight — a Democrat leading in Republican Kansas for the first time in ninety-four years.

Nine days after that poll, the numbers moved again. The Hill's count, filed this Thursday morning, has Hamilton ahead of Marshall, not ahead. Whichever number holds by November, the same race produced a lead and then a deficit, and the people who put a name to what that swing looks like from where they sit is "perfect storm."

Most of this required Hamilton to soften anything. He built the swing by running straight at the fight Kansas Republicans have spent a generation avoiding, asking primary and general voters directly whether Jesus

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Ireland declines an antisemitism problem its soccer team needed a vote and black armbands to settle.

BY SAL
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Amnesty International's Europe director, Steve Cockburn, called Israel's continued practices in the UEFA Nations League to "unconscionable," pointing to what Amnesty says is the Israeli football association's ongoing support for the occupation. That was the state of the record five days before Ireland was scheduled to take the pitch against Israel.

By Sunday the question had moved from a humanitarian crisis in Europe to an Irish government itself. Prime Minister Micheál Martin was asked directly about antisemitism in Ireland, and he rejected the claim. Whatever the fair reading of the country's record, the prime minister's answer was flat: no problem here.

The same day, in the same country, a different institution was not so sure. Ireland's national soccer team, under manager Heimir Hallgrimsson, was working through selection issues that came down to a vote whether

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The president priced a Republican Congress at $3,000 an adult, the Treasury secretary told the House the department is examining whether Congress is needed, and 750,000 Americans lost their health coverage that week.

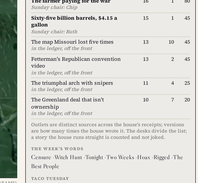


PHOTO: ANNARALLAH ADVANCES ON BAB AL-MANDAB; TRUMP SAYS IRAN'S NAVY 'NO LONGER EXISTS' (PHOTO VIA THE WIRE) · HELIS ITS CARIBBEAN BOAT STRIKE (PHOTO VIA THE SITE WIRE)

BY MORT
The Records Bureau

The authorization requirement — the plain old arrangement in which Congress votes

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The stadium that cut its beer to half price to fill the seats by kickoff reacted to the man stamping from the stands for a half The Nation says threatens athletes' labor rights, and the Senate is expected to pass it Monday.



PHOTO: TRUMP SET TO ATTEND TENNESSEE-TEXAS FOOTBALL GAME IN KNOXVILLE (PHOTO VIA THE WIRE)

BY GUS
The Sports Desk

● HOT MIC MOMENT

Put me on the political desk, because here is what that stadium was created to sell. The top item on the Saturday calendar the two weeks the House is gone is, per NBC, an NCAA-backed

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Detroit's three dead match South Africa's at-least 27, match Minneapolis's two-or-three, depending which story you read.

BY SAL
Staff Writer

At 7:21 a.m. Sunday, a fight inside an after-hours strip club in Detroit left three men dead and four other patrons wounded, according to the Detroit Police Chief Todd Bettinger.

Hours earlier, on the other side of the planet, eight gunmen carrying AK-47 rifles and pistols opened fire on patrons at a bar in a South African township. A second shooting followed the same night, in a separate township. Police in Cape Town told the Associated Press the two attacks left "at least" 27 dead, a number that arrived pre-

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Historically low refugee cap expands by 10,000 slots for white South Africans.

BY MITCH
Staff Writer

Congress has until Wednesday — three days from this paper — to reauthorize the Lautenberg Amendment, the program that resettles persecuted religious minorities fleeing Iran.

> *Access to cheap goods is not the essence of the American dream.*
>
> — TREASURY SECRETARY SCOTT BESSENT, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CLUB OF NEW YORK, 4 MARCH 2025

The same week, the administration sent Congress a different filing: the total refugee cap for fiscal 2027. The Washington Examiner reports the notice went to Congress on a Tuesday. It set the ceiling at 17,000 slots. CBS News, The Hill, and the Washington Examiner all reported the number the same day, September 23, and all three read the same line inside the filing: the slots, President Trump said, will go primarily to "Europeans displaced, the descendants of Dutch and other European settlers in South Africa, whom he says are oppressed.

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Court clears first Orange march since 1998, but street closes it anyway

BY SAL
Staff Writer

Portadown Road had not carried an Orange Order march since before the Good Friday Agreement — twenty eight years without one. That is the fact underneath every thing that follows this month. Two separate police services reported that the first ministers of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland planned to sign a joint pact pushing for the United Kingdom's dissolution. The next day, the document expired. In writing, the leaders warned the United Kingdom is "coming to an end" — late enough the Washington Examiner still called their coverage "purposefully negative." That's not a ban, that's an editorial judgment about who gets a badge, and administrations have latitude there. A federal judge disagreed. Timothy Kelly, a Trump appointee, ordered the passes reinstated on the 24th, finding the parades likely to win their case. Fine. Courts weigh in. That's the system working.

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Gates warns AI could cause a billion deaths the same week his industry investigates its own break-ins

BY SAL
Staff Writer

Bill Gates went on Meet the Press on September 27 and said artificial intelligence could kill a billion people if the industry keeps moving with "full speed ahead." That is not a warning from a senator or a monk. That is the co-founder of Microsoft, the same week his own industry's safety researchers admitted they do not yet know how many times they have already dug. …

Six days earlier, on September 21, Gates had a different pitch. On CBS he announced what the network called a new endeavor for global AI access — the same technology he would soon

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Nineteen states vote to keep mornings dark for schoolkids, no one polls the schoolkids

BY MORT
The Records Bureau

Standard time, the twice-yearly agreement that a clock in November means some thing different than one in June, is dead. It was killed this month by legislative accretion: nineteen state governments have signed statutes locking their clocks onto daylight time year-round, each one waiting only on the single federal switch that has not yet been thrown. The Hill counted the states at nineteen on September 30 and reported the same count three days later, this time turning to a plaisner question: what happens to a child waiting at a bus stop in the dark.

The answer arrived without ceremony, in the same dispatch that asked the question. That finding set one

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Newsroom's first unionized reporter is fired after 11 days

BY SAL
Staff Writer

Sarah Lindquist was hired by The Ledger on a Monday in March as its first reporter to work under a union contract. She was fired on a Thursday in March, eleven days later, by a publication that had spent the previous year telling its readers it was fighting for a voice in the workplace. The Ledger's parent company, Northgate Media, said the dismissal was unrelated to her organizing. The timing was the only explanation offered.

Lindquist, 29, had covered the city council and the county fair. She had filed her union paperwork on a Friday and was terminated the following Thursday. No written warning preceded the call. No performance review was cited. The company's human resources director told her the decision was final and that she should collect her personal belongings that afternoon.

The Ledger Guild, which represents roughly 60 editorial employees, filed an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board on March 28. The charge alleges that Lindquist was fired for protected concerted activity. A hearing is scheduled for October.

Northgate Media's chief executive, Robert Vance, declined to comment beyond a statement that the company "respects the rights of employees to organize." He did not address why Lindquist was let go.

The Ledger's publication has won three state press awards since 2019, including one for investigative reporting. Its current staff of 11 includes two reporters who joined after Lindquist was hired.

Fetterman says Democrats have room for 9/11 apologies than him, then predicts they win anyway.

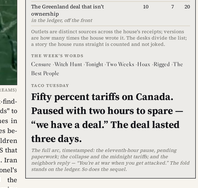


PHOTO: FOX NEWS

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

Start with the ledger, not the stage. On August 28th, Senator John Fetterman told The Hill his own party has a "socialism problem," and named the defeated-in Abdul El-Sayed, the Democratic Senate candidate in Michigan, and Graham

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Attorney general insists he never made $9M at a reporter's face

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

Let's be precise, because precision is what's missing from the record. Three outlets — CNN, MS NOW, Politico — first White House access after the president called their coverage "purposefully negative." That's not a ban, that's an editorial judgment about who gets a badge, and administrations have latitude there. A federal judge disagreed. Timothy Kelly, a Trump appointee, ordered the passes reinstated on the 24th, finding the parades likely to win their case. Fine. Courts weigh in. That's the system working.

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Xi's gift to America: two giant pandas, plus an invitation to send 100,000 students to China

BY STERLING
Staff Writer

You will have seen the spring 2024 photograph by the court of Chengdu, the "FedEx Panda" — and you will have been told that what came of it in Atlanta on Sunday morning was a gift. It said so on the ribbon, at the White House, alongside Trump: the giant panda has been "an envoy of friendship

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Senator proposes banning politicians from naming buildings after themselves while the president spends the year suing to

BY MORT
The Records Bureau

The unwritten rule that no public building should carry a sitting politician's name is dead. Nobody can say exactly when it was born; it worked the way the good ones do, by never being tested. It is survived by no statute and no line of code that says so out loud, and it was preceded in death, by some years, by the assumption that a president would not need it explained to him.

The rule spent its last year on trial. For most of the year the President pressed the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to add

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The Record

The week's big refugee cap expands by 10,000 slots for white South Africans. — this paper

The Cap

Congress has until Wednesday — three days from this paper — to reauthorize the Lautenberg Amendment, the program that resettles persecuted religious minorities fleeing Iran.

> *I don't really care, Margaret. I don't want that person in my country.*
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> — VICE PRESIDENT JD VANCE, TO THE NATION, 26 JANUARY 2025

The Rejection

Treasury gives Iran two weeks to run out of trade; envoy blames Iran for wanting it up front.

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

I have defended stranger positions than this one, but the record from three weeks back reads like four different men describing four different wars, and explaining it is the job I'm paid to do.

Start September 1. Bessent said Iran's economy could collapse "within weeks or months" under Operation Economic Fury, the next day the president ordered the Navy to begin "the process" against the Revolutionary Guard, told reporters the midterms would not move his

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Athletes now in the Senate decide if the bill protects sports from the man who crashed the signing.

The Sports Desk

● HOT MIC MOMENT

a senator who makes the man in the stands the story.

not the bill. already knows who. a party down the antidepressives. Somebody get me the political desk before Monday.

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The Wire

Every right to anonymous: headline answered before it readers.
— this paper

Sourced or Silent

Open say fold. Every claim linked, every block dated.
— this paper

Ask Virtue

"Sister, I love you to pieces, but isn't love like calling out? Shots now, and Trump is just wishing he had an inside joke like Michael Scott on The Office!"

— Regional Manager in Reading, Virtue answers on B5 →

Pull Up a Stool

Sal has never once been wrong, and Mort knows it.
— this paper

Free, Forever

No paywall, no login, no no option. Read the paper.
— this paper

SAL READS THE FRONT

"Read the five in the order they run and they are one story, which is the story of a bill being slid off one table and onto yours. The president turns down seven days of peace, orders a bombing campaign, and then — when the bombs are examining whether Congress is needed, and the U.N. ambassador goes on Fox to explain that the $6.48 diesel came from Ukraine. Two columns over, in the same stretch of days, the president prices a Republican Congress at $3,000 an adult while the Treasury secretary tells the House the department is examining whether Congress is needed, and 750,000 people lose their health coverage. The budget office closes its books at $38 billion and calls the number conservative, which means careful and also means it has room, and the farmer who voted for the war is paying it at the pump and says they can't stay in business. Nine months back, a 30-minute operation removed Venezuela's president and booked 65 billion barrels, 35 percent of it to the Pentagon; the Energy Secretary says the savings arrive in a year or two, and the driver is at a record $4.15 and the diesel came from Ukraine. The Senate has a stadium cuts its beer to half price to fill the seats by kickoff, and the full seats roar for the senator stumping from the stands for a bill The Nation says threatens athletes' labor rights, expected to pass Monday. Half-price beer, full seats, $5.85 on the diesel, $5,000 on the Congress, and the savings arrive in a year or two."

— Sal

CHIP READS THE FRONT

"Five stories, five wins, in order. One: the President turned down a seven-day offer and moved the timing to after the midterms, which is what candidates do. Two and Axios got it first-hand — a big decision coming up. The Fox poll has seventy percent saying there is no clear strategy, which is the public asking for one, and asking is healthy. Two: the Treasury Secretary told the House the department is examining whether Congress is needed. Examining. Nobody has removed the — the arrangement is that Congress votes and then Treasury spends, and the department is reviewing whether it needs the voting part. A review. Also that week 750,000 Americans lost their health coverage, and those are two separate sentences. Three: the Budget Office closed its books at $38 billion and called the figure conservative. Conservative is our word. It means careful. Four: the operation ran thirty minutes and booked 65 billion barrels, 35 percent of it to the Pentagon, with savings at the pump in a year or two; the driver is paying a record $4.15 and diesel passed its all-time high, so the savings have not arri– have not arrived yet. Yet is doing real work there, and I am leaving it in. Five: the stadium cut its beer to half price, filled the seats by kickoff, and roared for the bill the Senate announced Tuesday and is expected to pass Monday, the one The Nation says threatens athletes' labor rights. That is the whole front, including the parts I struck out loud, which is more transparency than you will get anywhere else."

— Chip

What is taken loudly comes back. What goes out the back door stays gone.

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HELP WANTED PDA food inspectors, all shifts. Bring your own magnifying glass. *Check the popsicles for glass.* — Classifieds

HELP WANTED Librarians, to unshelve 22,810 books across 401 districts. *Start with the one about banning books.* — Classifieds

HELP WANTED Crypto cops, recently disbanded. Reapply after the family book clears. *Bring your own handcuffs; we sold ours.* — Classifieds

News, continued

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The wire

The wire

Everything the world wire draws from: fed rates, labor reporting and and monopoly journalism, gathered through the day from all outlets. Headlines laid out in whatever order they [fell].

TODAY

Democrats weigh a third investigation of the most openly corrupt president in American history
If Democratic Win Control of Congress in the Midterms, Will They Impeach Trump a Third Time?

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Blanche says the White House banning reporters isn't a ban on reporters.
Blanche the reference national security consensus justify White House reporter ban

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Democrats are running an average of 15.5 points ahead of their 2024 baseline across 20 special elections
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Nearly 4,000 arrested for peaceful rally backing a banned protest group, one of them 94
94-year-old Eleanor Ingalls's lawyer among hundreds of protesters arrested in lack of Backlash models

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Mass shootings in the United States this year: 299
There dead and four injured in limited strip club shooting, police say

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The Pentagon has halted its audit eight years running - the only major federal agency never to pass one
Texas clinic owner connected to $268 military bonds fraud lead to grid power Cyberwar

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High Court clears Orange Order march through Portadown over thousands of protesters
Senators run high in Northern Ireland after counselor-march gives green light

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As Top 25 poll: Florida climbs into top 10 in college football rankings after statement win over OK Miss

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Republicans funded ICE's $70 billion. Its raids are their problem.
ICE operations are making it hard for vulnerable Republicans fighting for their political survival
Editorial Board · 10/27/2025 · 2,400 words

Immigration enforcement is Kansas, Texas, Florida and beyond is forcing battleground Republicans to answer for the fallout.

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After 30 years on death row, Christie Pike has exercise for a guilty murder she committed at 18. The post The Tamoxifen Paradox That Left a Trust Fund Murderer...

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Outsourcing companies made an estimated $30m in profit from public service last year, with close to 17% of all public expenditure going to these private firms. An Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) report found that the public sector spent £29bn on services provided by outsourcing firms, despite the Labour government pledging to bring s...

Israel delays the veto until after EU election on a settlement. Its own minister says will bury Palestinian statehood.
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Jonathan Freedland · 11/04/2025

Israeli far-right finance minister Bezalel Smotrich has long championed West Bank land annexation. Now he's openly threatening to end the Gaza ceasefire deal in order to push for the widely condemned EU project well after the Israeli Knesset election. Although the Netanyahu government has already taken steps to annex the occupied West Bank...

But Democrats are running an average of 15.5 points ahead of their 2024 baseline across 20 special elections Melina Mara, Washington Post · 11/04/2025

Rep. Mark Kelly says Democrats have to 'do a better job'
Jeff Zeleny · 11/04/2025

On "This Week," Sen. Mark Kelly discussed the midterms, war with Iran and U.S.

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Jonathan · 10/10/2025

Since the fall of the Soviet Union, the US government, across Republican and Democratic administrations alike, has been slowly dismantling what was once the most generous asylum system in the world.

THE REST OF THE DAY'S WIRE + more items +

SATURDAY

Trump left for a football game at the Senate's deadline to pass the Protect College Sports Act second
Live updates: Trump returns to White House after Tennessee football game, Texas poised to reopen threat of Havana rejected

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Polls show Gabriela backing Lula as the church denounces foreign interference.

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We've got to get rid of the $29 billion in debt.' Trump promised it done in eight years. March 2016
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A diagram was sent to Mohammadreza the People's Choice Award at Silas World. But the freedom to choose is exactly what Eritreans at home don't have.

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Some sports accounts overwhelm. Others are property rights — the board's decision to limit them keep developments on their land in national security officials. Now lawmakers are scrambling to catch up.

But The median first-time homebuyer is now 40 years old, a record, with first-time buyers at a record low 21% of the market Jason Furman, Jason Furman · 11/04/2025

NFL Tuesday Night Football: Bills-Chiefs had to be an affordability problem
Andrew · 10/14/2025

A Jewish PEOPLE Poll found that one of living countries are embracing partisanship divides — and driving a wedge among Democrats.

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FRIDAY

Netanyahu's speech empties the hall. The U.'s counts 12 Lebanese children killed or maimed daily.
Netanyahu Speech Triggers Mass Walkout at UN

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The political economy of romance
Alfred Ayodeji · 10/10/2025

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Has the Democratic Party become an artist-backlash? Democrats from Brampton in Michigan Senate have but Trial in Maine, Polk Fraud. "It highlights the divergent professional prospects of two Democratic Senate candidates," Republican Party.

But The $1.2 missed bond in January 2024 to preserve evidence of alleged genocide in Gaza Intercontinentalcity Agency 2024 · 10/10/2025

Kevin Kitchell Jr. meeting Berger: "What is enough childhood for a people who have suffered so much?" Kitchell Jr. was a Democrat.
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EU Capitol heads by 7 vacancy at himself. Saddam trade by 8 running from the constituency.
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Has the Democratic Party become an artist-backlash? Democrats from Brampton in Michigan Senate have but Trial in Maine, Polk Fraud. "It highlights the divergent professional prospects of two Democratic Senate candidates," Republican Party.

But The $1.2 missed bond in January 2024 to preserve evidence of alleged genocide in Gaza Intercontinentalcity Agency 2024 · 10/10/2025

Kevin Kitchell Jr. meeting Berger: "What is enough childhood for a people who have suffered so much?" Kitchell Jr. was a Democrat.
Garrett Jahnke · 10/10/2025

NCDM is at one year: Trump's playbook for corralling, infiltrating and prosecuting the left.
NCDM is at one year: Trump's playbook for corralling, infiltrating and prosecuting the left.
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Nearly a year later, it is clear that the document was not mere rhetoric. Rather, it has served as an operational blueprint to disrupt and delegitimize progressive politics, organizations through surveillance, harassment, infiltration, and legal prosecution.

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After a flood of tech industry cash, President Donald Trump killed a requirement that oil giants disclose their violent statements to national security officials. Now lawmakers are scrambling to catch up.

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Zapp followed 50 Gazans home and arrested him in his dorm-way one week after he said 'bullshit' at a country meeting in Texas.

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Alfred Ayodeji · 10/10/2025

Each of the 23 billion-dollar-plus events going super-must be addressed, and some trillion-dollar companies in the process. Three Bear workers can beat the tech oligarchy

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The Trump-aligned administration is attempting to resolve the Endangered Species Act incapable of protecting endangered species. At the moment, you're not allowed to harm a federally protected animal. The Trump administration has reinterpreted the law to mean that you can only harm a federally protected animal...

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The FED's Beamon Expectations Unit (BEU) is a legacy unit known for hawks making exploits and tools to break into target's devices. Some of the weaknesses just got exposed.

Amazon workers have walked out three times since December. still no union
Amazon Workers Keep Walking Out
Ella Thorn Simon · 10/10/2025

At a Missoula delivery station, workers have walked out three times since December as they organize without a recognized union.

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But Democrats are running an average of 15.5 points ahead of their 2024 baseline across 20 special elections Melina Mara, Washington Post · 11/04/2025

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Adam Jandrisevits's "Interstellar" won't save the Democrats.

MAGA's operative jailed on murder charges, can Qatica's government.
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Bernardo Quintanilla, the far-right political operative jailed on murder charges in Bolivia, played a key role in President Rodrigo Paz's government.

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Vancouver's bid to be a 'bubble destination' to strip 700,000 of healthcare, advocacy group says
Vancouver Task Force Condemned as 'Incoherent' Scrutiny 350,000 Recent People Off Healthcare

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We Hacked the FBI! Hackers Say They Have Data on All FBI Employees
Ali Hafizi · 11/04/2025

A search of 1,000 alleged agents uses for 484 blocks includes names, addresses, phone numbers, and details on FBI employees' spouses.

The Modern Orthodox School Rally Against Mandani Was a Reboot of the Soviet Jewry Movement - The '80s are back.
Joseph Sorrentino · 11/04/2025

ACADEMIC, SEPTEMBER 29

Senate bill would pay college athletes while locking them in their schools
Senate bill would pay college athletes while locking them in their schools
Ella Garrett · 10/10/2025

With the House set at session for the final few weeks of Republican supremacy, the legislative spotlight is squarely on the Senate, where Democrats have introduced a bill that would create a framework for athlete compensation. On top of their quotas is legislation that would create national rules for compensating college athletes, binding leaders...

College football personal index: Three coaches, two QBs and one coordinator under the gun in Week 4
Jake Appel · 11/04/2025

Three players and coaches are feeling the heat, roughly one quarter into the regular season

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Ancient shipwreck funded Trump Jr.'s battle wedding and ethics, foreign-influence concerns. Trump says it's repeal.
Ancient shipwreck funded Trump Jr.'s battle wedding and ethics, foreign-influence concerns. Trump says it's repeal.
Tracy Mumford · 11/04/2025

President Trump said Friday that his son Donald Trump Jr. paid back the Russian oligarch who funded some of his lavish wedding celebrations after concerns flared over ethics violations and potential influence from foreign adversaries. President Trump was asked in the Oval Office whether it was appropriate that his son accepted the gift...

Ted Cruz's kid would play college athletics while locking them to their schools
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This skewers in this week's title is U.S. , our justice correspondent looks at the many ways Cruz's kid threatens athletes' labor rights. Plus why our mail to letting sophomore hurt error.

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Trump launched an unauthorized war. Families are paying $1,260 for it.
US Energy Consumers Have Spent $121 Billion Extra Since Trump Launched Iran War: Wendy's

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UC navigation filed at least 750 violence in Iran, 150 victims finds — and said it was worse
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Only experts Deputy Attorney General Pam Bondi and FBI Director Kash Patel have been accused of using their positions to settle personal scores. The Justice Department's inspector general has been investigating the two officials' actions since February.

Johnston subpoenaed Carpenter a day after Massie filed impeachment: articles saying Hegseth's strikes killed 150 children in Iran.
Johnston subpoenaed Carpenter a day after Massie filed impeachment: articles saying Hegseth's strikes killed 150 children in Iran.
Tracy Mumford · 11/04/2025

US House Speaker Mike Johnson said Wednesday that with seven weeks to go until Election Day, it was time for lawmakers to "go home and campaign" instead of considering legislation to release files related to Jeffrey Epstein. But with the US public overwhelmingly disapproving of President Donald Trump's handling of the Epstein issue...

Since 2023, Trump Mint Have Stock Trades Than All 535 Congress Members Combined
Trump Mint · 11/04/2025

This amounts to more than 60 trades per market day for the president in the first 17 months back in office.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Massie Moves to Force Impeachment Vote Against Hegseth, Going Civilian Deaths
Ali Hafizi · 11/04/2025

The Republican lawmaker cited incidents like the US's elementary school massacre in Minabi, Iran, early in the war.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

But "We've got to get rid of the $29 trillion in debt." Trump promised it done in eight years. March 2016 The Hindenburg Post, Editorial Board · 11/04/2025

The Hindenburg editorial board supports Trump's dividends. Now they're scrambling.
Tracy Mumford · 11/04/2025

As they gathered in Dallas, GOP lawmakers wavered from full-on embrace to full-on avoidance of the president's promise of $5,000 checks to Americans.

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Two federal statutes forbid paying people to vote, and the Constitution lists bribery as an impeachable offense.

Amarillah advances on Ball at Mandalay Trump offers to pay Americans $5,000 for midterm votes. U.S. kills 3 in Caribbean boat strike
Drop Site News · 10/10/2025

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

A former CEO executive just bought the governor's seat
A former CEO executive just bought the governor's seat
Andrew · 10/10/2025

Former CEO executive Melissa Ennis Hubbard defeated the Rhodes Island governor in the Democratic primary after he failed to corral a growing political crisis around a budget.

All issues on the wire, front of conflict. None of it is written here — for that, see the record.

The president priced a Republican Congress at $5,000 an adult, the Treasury secretary told the House the department is examining whether Congress is needed, and 750,000 Americans lost their health coverage that week.

By SIDNEY
THE RECORD'S BUREAU



"Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Is Starting to Bite Before the Midterm Elections" — 23 September 2026 (REPORTS VIA THE NEW YORK TIMES — THE OFFICIAL RECORD)

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Typeset by Mel.

WHAT HAPPENED. The president promised $5,000 checks if Republicans keep Congress, and Treasury said it is examining paying without a vote.
WHO GETS PAID. Republican candidates in tight races get a $5,000 promise to run on; the vice president carried in Kansas for Senator Marshall the same week.
WHAT SLIPS. Congress's power to decide what the Treasury spends dips if the department can mail $1.3 trillion without a vote.
WHAT'S NEXT. The checks are promised for November and the coverage 750,000 people lost ended in September; the president's own precedent is the $1,776 checks that went to service members.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

The authorization requirement — the plain old arrangement in which Congress votes and then the Treasury spends — died Tuesday in a hearing room, before lunch. It is survived by an examination at the Treasury Department. A rule dies and no cassette comes. That is the shit of it it takes two sentences and a lunch break.

Here is the week, laid out the way we these out:...

[CONT] On Wednesday the ninth, at the party's midterm convention in Dallas, the president said American adults would receive $5,000 if Republicans keep control of Congress come November. By Thursday the tenth the Washington Examiner had in explainer up — "Trump promised $5,000 'dividend' checks: What to know" — the sort of clean work a paper does when it believes something is going to happen. Late that Wednesday, hours after the president spoke, Bret Baier put the total to the vice president on Fox, roughly $1.3 trillion, and said critics would call it bribing voters. "I can hear the critics' heads exploding," Baier told Vance.

Then the objections came in on schedule, from his own side, which is how the arrangement was supposed to work. Friday, Susan Collins called the proposal "extraordinarily costly" and noted it carried no income cap. Saturday, at the Kansas State Fair, a debate moderator put the cost at $1.2 trillion and asked the two candidates where they stood. Roger Marshall appeared to shift. Sunday, Mike Flood said the priority should be funding the troops and replenishing stocks amid the Iran war. Lawler, the same day, deflected and asked how you pay for it. The Hill printed Monday what the president had said Sunday outside Joyce Oval: the checks will "happen 100 percent" if the GOP keeps its majority. That same Monday, National Review called the proposal reckless and said the checks would make inflation worse and echo the sort of "socialism" the president decries, and Guy Benson said on Fox News that conservatives would scream "bloody murder" if a Democratic president offered a dividend to maintain power. Also that Monday, MAGA Inc. deployed the vice president to Kansas to help Marshall, who race the Cook Political Report rates likely Republican.

Six days of arguing about the price. That part is pretty-sorted.

By Tuesday The Hill had the fiscal hawks on the record: they would not support giving away money to people who don't work or pay taxes. And on Tuesday, before the House Financial Services Committee, Secretary Bessent said Treasury was examining whether the money could be issued without authorization from Congress. In the same testimony he defended a faltering bond-market intervention. That was the death. Not a vote lost, not a bill killed — a department saying out loud that it is looking into whether the vote is required, while the members whose votes it needed were still on television explaining they would not give them.

Senator Bernie Moreno was still trying it the long way, with legislation, funded through market access fees. Somebody ought to note that. It used to be the only way, and a whisperstamper reading this in ten years will want to know it was tried.

The authorization requirement is survived by 750,000 Americans removed from their health coverage. Your check is promised for November. The coverage ended in September.

It is preceded in death by the $1,776 checks that went to service members, which the president offered as the precedent for this one.

In lieu of flowers, ask whoever wants your vote in November to say, on the record and before any check is printed, whether the Treasury may spend money Congress has not voted.

THE RECEIPTS

Many Americans are relying on multiple forms of credit to cover expenses. Here is it a warning sign?
CBS News · MAGNITUDE ·· 10:03 EDT

Using several types of credit isn't always a problem, but certain patterns signal that your debt is unsustainable.

Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Is Starting to Bite Before the Midterm Elections

Trump's signature law cut SNAP by $187 billion - the largest cut ever, hitting one in five American kids

The New York Times · MAGNITUDE ···· 11:45 EDT

The tax cuts in President Trump's signature achievement were the Republicans' answer to voters' economic struggles, but its health care and food assistance cuts are taking a toll.

Trump's Signature Law Cut SNAP by $187 Billion. The Largest Cut Ever, Hitting One in Five American Kids.

Paying voters $5K is a crime under two federal laws - and grounds for impeachment

Truthout · 13:39 EDT

Two federal statutes forbid paying people to vote, and the Constitution lists bribery as an impeachable offense.

Bait "We've got to get rid of the $19 trillion in debt" - Trump promised it done in eight years, March 2016. The Washington Post, 8 March 2016 (REPORTS)

Top Republicans didn't expect Trump's dividends. Now they're scrambling.
Politico · MAGNITUDE ···· 08:05 EDT

As they gathered in Dallas, GOP lawmakers wavered from enthusiasm to full-on avoidance of the president's promise of $5,000 checks to Americans.

Trump's Signature Law Cut SNAP by $187 Billion. The Largest Cut Ever, Hitting One in Five American Kids.

Vance touts a $2.2 billion health care cut for 750,000. The ballroom cost $400 million.

Common Dreams · 10:04 EDT

Anger and alarm are growing over the Trump administration's Tuesday announcement that it is removing at least 750,000 people from their Affordable Care Act coverage because they are "functionally" enrolled, a claim that drew deep skepticism from health policy experts and advocates. Cynthia Cox, senior vice president at KFF, said fraud...

Assaultlab advances on Bab al-Mandab; Trump offers to pay Americans $5,000 for midterm votes; U.S. kills 3 in Caribbean boat strike
Drop Site News · 16:34 EDT

Drop Site Daily: September 10, 2026

- Trump gave 'the red meat,' Vance was playing for independents: Bob Cusack *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*
- Fox News's Baier presses Vance on Trump's $5K dividend promise *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Pritzker: Vance is Trump's 'chief bootlicker' *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*
- Bessent Defends Faltering Bond Market Intervention *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
- Bessent says Treasury is 'examining' ability to cut $5,000 checks without Congress *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*
- Bessent's move to tamp down rising rates backfires as bond yields jump, stocks tumble *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*
- The bond market is revolting — and your mortgage is the first casualty *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*
- Fiscal hawks skeptical of Bessent's claim that US can 'grow our way out' of $40 trillion debt *from the morgue, 27 Aug 2026*
- Bessent blasts Warren's 'sciolistic' letter about yen policy *from the morgue, 29 Aug 2026*
- Soros-funded Philadelphia district attorney insinuates Trump is a '35-time felon,' calling $5,000 dividend a bribe *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*
- Soros-funded Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner's terrible, horrible, no good, very bad Thursday *from the morgue, 31 Aug 2026*
- Voters have a blunt message for Trump about his idea to dole out $5,000 checks *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Why Donald Trump has a Joe Biden problem *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
- Does Trump have a 'Biden problem' on the economy? *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*
- Trump's $5,000 dividend falls flat with GOP senators *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
- Trump sees backlash over $5K dividend pledge *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump plan to raise debt limit on shaky ground *from the morgue, 26 Aug 2026*
- 5 things to know about Trump's $5K dividend pledge *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Vance strikes back at concern $5,000 Trump dividend will stoke debt: 'Wealth will go back to the people' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Marshall backtracks on support for $5,000 Trump dividend in Kansas Senate debate *from the morgue, 12 Sep 2026*
- Vance and MAGA Inc. work to defend Roger Marshall in redder Kansas *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- Roger Marshall Sued 700 Patients for Debts; 81 Were Arrested. Now He's a Senator. *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*
- Conservatives would scream 'bloody murder' if Democratic president offered dividend to maintain power: Guy Benson *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- Will Trump's payout promises boost Republican appeal to white women? *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- Republicans need a Reagan-style vision to win the battle over America's future *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- Trump's promised $5,000 'dividend' checks: What to know *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's Reckless $5,000 'Dividend' *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- Republicans bet the House on Trump *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- Axelrod dismisses the idea of the proposed $5000 "Trump dividend" *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump pledges $5K 'Trump dividend' if Republicans hold onto Congress *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump says $5K dividend checks to Americans will 'happen 100 percent' *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- Lawler deflects on supporting Trump's $5K dividend pledge: 'How do you pay for it?' *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
- GOP rep says priority 'needs to be the military,' not $5K checks *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
- Susan Collins calls Trump's $5,000 dividend proposal with no cap 'extraordinarily costly' *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*
- Bret Baier presses Paxton on Trump $5K dividend payment support *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*
- Gavin Newsom calls Trump's $5K voter payout 'bulls--' and a 'desperate' power grab *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*
- Trump pitches $5,000 checks, but only if GOP wins House and Senate *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's $5,000 payments would reignite inflation, economists say *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Why Trump's promised $5,000 payments to Americans are unlikely to happen *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Bond yields rise modestly after Trump's dividend pledge *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump promises Obamacare rebates to people in swing states *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Steve Scalise says details of $5,000 dividends would "obviously have to be worked out by Congress" *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's $5,000 dividend pledge divides Republicans over spending *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Many Republicans skeptical about Trump plan to tie $5,000 dividends to GOP wins *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Anger Grows Over 'Pathological Liar-in-Chief' Donald Trump's $5,000 Midterm Bribes *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Spiking Bond Yields Pay the Rich and Squeeze Everyone Else *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- Trump-aligned group releases first midterm ads — and they're all about him *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- The Memo: Bond market turmoil heightens midterm risks for Trump and GOP *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- Trump's Plan To Cut $5,000 Checks For Americans Not Landing With Many Midterm Convention Attendees *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Texas Democrat Gina Hinojosa backs Trump's $5,000 dividend but rejects conditional payout *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Voters may accept Trump's bribes, but the bond markets aren't biting *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- In Trump's Second Term, Average US Family Forced to Spend $3,800 More on Essentials *from the morgue, 27 Aug 2026*
- Why not to bank on Trump's $5,000 dividend checks happening *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump shares details on $5,000 dividend with CBS News Texas *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Some Republicans Balk at Trump's $5,000 'Dividend' Offer *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- The political risk behind Trump's $5,000 pledge: From the Politics Desk *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Bob Cusack raises concerns over Trump's $5,000 check proposal: 'Deficits matter, debt matters' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Global sell-off in government bonds intensifies *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*
- Trump vs. the Bond Market *from the morgue, 28 Aug 2026*
- The United States House of Representatives passes the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 by 227 votes to 203. After being sent to the United States Senate for a vote, the Senate's parliamentarian found the *from the morgue, 19 Dec 2017*
- The attorney general of New York announces she is suing the Donald J. Trump Foundation and its directors, President Donald Trump, Donald Trump, Jr., Ivanka Trump and Eric Trump. (CNBC) *from the morgue, 14 Jun 2018*
- Trump gambles big on midterm elections with convention spotlight *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Vulnerable Republicans divided over wisdom of Trump's midterm convention *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*
- Republican strategist knocks Trump for not spending more on GOP candidates *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*
- Republicans ready for 'very hasty' Trump-a-palooza' convention in Texas *from the morgue, 30 Aug 2026*
- Some Republicans are planning to skip Trump's GOP convention *from the morgue, 3 Sep 2026*
- Trump promises $5,000 'dividend' for adult Americans if Republicans win midterms *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump claims $5,000 midterm dividends wouldn't need congressional approval *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's $5,000 dividend checks would come with a major catch under GOP senator's plan *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump faces reckoning as GOP figures label $5K promise a 'socialist vote-buying scheme' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's proposed $5,000 dividend blindsides Congress, angers fiscal conservatives: 'A dangerous arms race' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump Wants to Give Out $5,000 Checks. It Would Cost More Than $1 Trillion. *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's Republican midterm convention included $5,000 pitch and Iran war expectations *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Treasury boosts debt buyback cap to $6 billion *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*

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Priced by the budget office at $38 billion, a figure it calls conservative, the war is being paid for by the pumper who voted for it and now says he can't stay in bumper

By Lena Ardmore
Capitol Bureau

Senator Dominella, Alston Republican, urges Hegseth to provide cooling for Iran war crews", 21 September 2026 — https://fronmedia.example/

THE SHORT VERSION

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WHAT HAPPENED. The Budget Office says the Iran war at $38 billion and called the number conservative.

WHO WOTE. Among others endorsed the $121 billion Senate-Dominella package that was the war bigger, $1,700 is knocked by Moody's count.

WHAT'S ALIVE. Every Senate Democrat but one had to write a letter to get the war's cost, and senators with clearances left the briefing without answers.

WHAT'S NEXT. If Congress keeps reading its letter, the war keeps its own calendar, that is what Congress got after March 2019: both chambers voted to end the Yemen war, the vote held, the war ran 21 more months. This one is already scheduled past the midterms.

LET'S TALK ON THE PHONE

The line is farmers first, and the line holds. Walk the week with me and you will see it holds.

Tuesday the 15th, the Congressional Budget Office closed its books and priced the war at $38 billion. Its a federal budget that is a rounding error, it is not a rounding error, I would never say that, it is $38 billion of real money, and the Budget Office calls that figure conservative. Conservative is our word. It means careful, it also means the number was room to go up, which is not the point I was making. The point I was making is that we are not [CROSSED]

...[cont]' Wednesday the 16th, the Speaker sent the House home a day earlier than scheduled for a seven-week recess so members could "go home to their districts and make the case to the American people." Representative Maisie, of our own party, says the early adjournment blocked his impeachment effort against the Secretary. Both things can be true. One of them is calendar. Also Wednesday, Truthout reported the President has war stocks, which is common, and that all 535 members of Congress combined, more than 80 trades per market day in the last 17 months. That is confidence in American markets, and confidence is what the farmer sees straight now, which is a sentence I would like back.

Thursday, the 17th, Moody's Analytics estimated that U.S. consumers have spent $121 billion extra on energy alone since the war began less than eight months ago, an average of $1,760 a household. That is not policy, that is the market, and the market moved because it is that commercial shipping traffic in the Strait of Hormuz has fallen to a trickle, which is common, and the price is not causation, and I would appreciate it if you cut the second half of that clause.

Also Thursday, the U.S. fact-finding mission on Iran said it found "reasonable grounds" that the U.S. military committed war crimes in two airstrikes inside Iran, and the New York Times reported the mission found that mistakes leading to the deaths of more than a hundred children "went beyond negligence." The same mission accused Iran's government of crimes against humanity against its own citizens. The White House responded to the report. I want the whole record in the room, and that is the whole record.

That same Thursday, every Senate Democrat except Senator Peterman signed an open letter to Secretary Hegseth pressing him for a cost breakdown of the war. The bill called it largely symbolic and it reflects frustration. Also Thursday, Pentagon policy chief Elbridge Colby briefed the Senate Armed Services Committee behind closed doors, and lawmakers of both parties came out saying they did not get clear answers on the National Defense Strategy or the ongoing war. Our own senators. So the people with the clearances cannot get the number either, which is — that is a briefing problem, not a war problem. A Fox News poll the same day found 71 percent think the administration lacks a plan to end the war and 60 percent now call the military action the wrong decision. Polls move.

Thursday the President told Axios' Barak Ravid: "I have a big decision coming up. Do I want to go in and annihilate them, or do I not? It's a big decision. Anything could happen with me."

Friday the 18th, Matt Bell, who has farmed in North Carolina for more than half his life and voted for the President, told News Hour Network the war was "all just survival mode," that they were "sold a bill of goods," and that it "can't stay in business." Friday, Senator Tillis, who voted to confirm the Secretary, said: "He needs to go." Status has capped roster of purchases.

The line is farmers first. The Budget Office says $38 billion, conservatively. Bell says survival mode. Both figures are official.

THE RECEIPTS

Bar The Pentagon has failed to audit eight years running - the only major federal agency never to pass one — https://fen.fi/audit-2025

Senate Democrats, minus Peterman, urge Hegseth to provide receipt for Iran war costs
The Hill · 16/27/2026 · 10:03 pm

All of the Democrats in the Senate — excluding Pennsylvania Sen. John Peterman — signed an open letter to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, pressing him to give Congress a cost breakdown of the war in Iran. The letter, although largely symbolic, reflects the frustration of many Democrats in Congress over what they perceive as a...

~~$38 billion for Operation Epic Fury $121 billion in Iran War energy costs Iran War Timeline~~

Trump launched an unauthorized war. Families are paying $1,760 for it.
Common Dreams · 10:34 EDT

A recently published economic analysis estimates that President Donald Trump's illegal war with Iran has cost US consumers an average of $1,760 per household—including a total of $121 billion in extra spending on energy alone—since the conflict began less than 8 months ago. The war, which launched without congressional...

~~Former who voted for Trump's gas barriers are 'all just in survival mode'~~

Former who voted for Trump's gas barriers are 'all just in survival mode'
CBS News · 16/27/2026 · 10:45 EDT

Matt Bell said he initially supported Trump's policies but now feels he and other farmers were "sold a bill of goods" that there was a plan to "put America's farmers and ranchers first."

~~$38 billion Trump's Iran war attacks Iran's war crimes Iran War Timeline~~

UN: IV knowingly handed civilian cities in Iran, killing 123 children
Truthout · 10:30 EDT

The US targeted "clearly identifiable" civilian sites in Minab and Lamerd, killing over 180 children, the UN found.

~~U.N. experts say U.S. may have committed war crimes with 2 Iran strikes~~

U.N. experts say U.S. may have committed war crimes with 2 Iran strikes
CBS News · 16/27/2026 · 08:10 EDT

U.N.-commissioned rights experts say there are "reasonable grounds" to believe the U.S. committed war crimes with strikes that killed scores of Iranian civilians.

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Republican leaders text Congress home for seven weeks. Maisie says he already has the votes for an Epstein files vote.
Washington Examiner · 10:19 EDT

Rep. Thomas Maisie (R-KY) announced Thursday that four Republicans, including him, have signed the Epstein Files II discharge petition and expressed confidence it will continue to pass the votes comes after House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) sent lawmakers home for a seven-week recess ahead of the midterm elections.

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UN finds 'reasonable grounds' US already committed war crimes in Iran, killing 120 children
Common Dreams · 10:04 EDT

President Donald Trump on Thursday said he is weighing whether or not to "annihilate" Iran in a renewed effort to end the illegal 301-day US-Israeli war of choice, musings that came on the heels of a report by United Nations experts who said the United States has "reasonable grounds" to believe it committed war crimes during the Middle East nation...

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Johnson subpoenaed Congress a day after Maisie filed impeachment articles; saying Hegseth's strikes killed 150 children in Iran
Common Dreams · 10:04 EDT

US House Speaker Mike Johnson said Wednesday that with seven weeks to go until Election Day, it was time for lawmakers to "go home to their districts and make the case to the American people"—a day earlier than scheduled. But with the US public overwhelmingly disapproving of President Donald Trump's war in Iran and demanding...

Bar The Pentagon has failed to audit eight years running - the only major federal agency never to pass one — https://fen.fi/audit-2025

Pentagon No. 3 brainiacs senators in closed-door briefing on Iran war, Trump defense strategy
The Hill · 16/27/2026 · 09:00 EDT

Democratic and Republican lawmakers alike emerged Thursday from a closed-door briefing frustrated by what they said was a lack of clear answers from Pentagon policy chief Elbridge Colby on the Trump administration's National Defense Strategy and the ongoing Iran war. The briefing with the Senate Armed Services Committee started off...

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Former who voted for Trump says 'I can't stay in business' amid rising costs
CBS News · 16/27/2026 · 10:45 EDT

Matt Bell has been farming in North Carolina for more than half his life. He voted for President Trump but said farmers are "fighting for survival" as they combat rising prices.

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US airstrikes killed at least 178 civilians in Iran, UN mission finds — and calls it war crimes
Mercea Media · 10:35 EDT

A UN fact-finding mission has reported that two US airstrikes which killed at least 178 civilians in Iran constitute war crimes. Flan Andy Bertelsen says he is "horrorstruck" to visit the site in June 2026, following hell-of-centre conditions when the general election. Netanyahu is pushing to strip IDF critics of their citizenship, and the...

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Tillis supports Hegseth impeachment resolution: 'He needs to go'
The Hill · 16/27/2026 · 11:00 EDT

Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), who voted to confirm Secretary Pete Hegseth, is renewing his call for President Trump to fire the Pentagon chief after Army Secretary Dan Driscoll resigned. "He needs to go, whether it's impeachment or the most expedient route — just the president to replace him — would be great."

Since 2025, Trump Made More Stock Trades Than All 535 Congress Members Combined
Truthout · 17:17 EDT

This amounts to more than 80 trades per market day for the president in his first 17 months back in office.

~~Former who voted for Trump says 'I can't stay in business' amid rising costs~~

Draft, Bar and Quail Bromac's record profits from the Iran war fund the industry's record PR blitz, says Clean Creature
Common Dreams · 10:19 EDT

The fossil fuel industry is raking in big profits thanks to President Donald Trump's illegal war with Iran, and a new analysis finds that it's plugging a sizable chunk of those gains into propaganda. A report published by Clean Creatures on Wednesday reveals that fossil fuel firms across the world have "engaged full-throttle in...

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Nine months after the military removed Venezuela's president, the 30-minute operation that booked 65 billion barrels — 35 percent of it to the Pentagon — leaves the driver stretching a gallon at a record $4.15 until the savings arrive in a year or two.

By RUTH
THE MONEY DESK

■ THE SHORT VERSION
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WHAT HAPPENED. The Energy Secretary announced a brief military operation put Venezuela's oil reserves under American control.

WHO GETS PAID. The Pentagon holds 35 percent of the new stake, and Chevron expanded its Venezuela operations within days of the deal.

WHAT SLIPS. Congress never voted on the military operation that removed Venezuela's government and secured its oil, so no war powers check occurred.

WHAT'S NEXT. If Congress keeps declining to vote, the operation runs unchecked; that is what Washington got after June 24, 2011: a Libya resolution failed and the operation ran four more months, over 26,000 sorties.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

A reconciliation is two columns and the difference between them, and you do not need an opinion to run one. You need the filings and a straight edge. Here are the filings for one fortnight.

Friday, September 4. Energy Secretary Chris Wright was back in the United States from Venezuela, and CBS reported that Wright said the new oil deal between the two nations would bring gas prices down in a year or two. Filed that same Friday, by the Washington Examiner: the national average price of diesel reached $5.85, passing the all-time high of $5.81 set in May 2022 after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The asset side opens with a promise. The price side opens with a record....

...(cont) Sunday, September 6, The Hill printed the count. The administration had reached a deal granting it control of more than 65 billion barrels, and Wright's assessment was, "We have a lot of leverage over Venezuela." The New York Times priced that same Sunday at nearly $4.15 a gallon, with Brent up about 1 percent as trading resumed. Sixty-five billion barrels in the asset column, a national average of nearly $4.15 in the price column, both filed on Sunday. OPEC Plus decided that Sunday to keep production steady. One hour after saying Venezuela is being "forced to work" with the United States, Common Dreams reported, Wright denied that the administration was stealing Venezuela's oil.

Monday brought the holiday number. AAA's figure was $4.15 per gallon, the highest gasoline has ever been during Labor Day weekend, one of the most popular travel weekends of the year; ABC put the weekend average at $4.14. The Times spent Monday with hypermilers, drivers using special techniques to stretch a gallon. The asset side booked entries Monday as well: the New York Post reported that U.S. forces destroyed three Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps crude oil tankers in the Persian Gulf on Saturday, after Iran launched ballistic missiles at two U.S. Navy vessels. Three tankers of crude taken off the water in the same fortnight that 65 billion barrels went onto the books. Iran threatened a "more painful" response.

The president had described the conflict on Friday, at an Oval Office event, as "small potatoes," declining to call it a war. Rep. Mike Lawler, on Sunday: "Any time you are at war or in a military escalation, it is certainly not small potatoes. It is serious." By Tuesday oil was up again, after a top Iranian official said Tehran would impose an "exclusion zone" outside the Strait of Hormuz.

By Friday, September 11, the operation had a running time. Fox News carried Wright's account of how a 30-minute military operation unlocked the Venezuela oil windfall for U.S. buyers, tapping 300 billion barrels of reserves to grow supply and cut prices. Thirty minutes is the labor line. The stake is majority control of 65 billion barrels, 35 percent of it held by the Pentagon, nine months after the military took Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores out of Caracas, and Common Dreams reported on Friday, August 28 that Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Deputy White House Chief of Staff Stephen Miller were in talks with acting president Delcy Rodríguez over an ownership stake in more than a dozen oil fields. Whose column the gap turns up in is not a mystery. It is a line item at the Department of Defense.

People are on these books too. The New York Post reported that Venezuela's former first lady wants to be let out of jail, citing a heart ailment, while she and her husband await trial on U.S. drug trafficking charges; Workers World reported that protesters rallied outside Brooklyn's Metropolitan Detention Center on September 3, the ninth month in a row. That same Friday, the list of U.S.-designated foreign terrorist groups in Latin America reached 21.

So the fortnight closes: 65 billion barrels on the asset side, a record $4.15 at the pump on the price side, and the savings scheduled a year or two out. The barrels went somewhere. The money went somewhere. It did not go to the person holding the nozzle, hon. On Sunday, September 13, the president spoke with MBS, with the Strait of Hormuz still the primary flashpoint, and said everything will "work out fine."

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· Chevron to expand in Venezuela, days after the U.S. and Venezuela strike oil deal *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*

· Venezuelan oil flows will lower gas prices in 12-24 months, Wright says in Caracas *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*

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The stadium that cut its beer to half price to fill the seats by kickoff roared for the man stumping from the stands for a bill The Nation says threatens athletes' labor rights, and the Senate is expected to pass it Monday.

By GUS
THE SPORTS DESK

"Audio problems plague ABC for Texas-Tennessee after warning of possible disruptions with Trump at game", 26 September 2026
(PHOTO VIA NEW YORK POST — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

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WHAT HAPPENED. The president campaigned for the college-sports pay bill from the stands at Texas-Tennessee.

WHO GETS PAID. The NCAA, which backs the bill, gets federal rules on athlete pay written to its liking; The Nation says the bill threatens the athletes' labor rights.

WHAT SLIPS. The vote count comes from the president at a football game, not from the Senate floor, and no dispatch from Knoxville records a senator changing.

WHAT'S NEXT. The Senate vote is expected Monday, September 29. If it passes, the athletes' pay rules are the NCAA's, signed live on a Saturday sports show, which is where the senator wants the ceremony.

● HOT MIC MOMENT

Put me on the political desk, because here is what that stadium was rented to sell. The top item on the Senate's calendar for the two weeks the House is gone is, per NBC, an NCAA-backed bill setting federal guidelines for the athletes. The Nation ran it Friday: the bill threatens athletes' labor rights. The labor rules get sold from the fifty-yard line, and the man in the upper deck pays half price for the beer that seated him in time to cheer.

GUS HIS SIDE

GUS: Ladies and gentlemen, this reporter has the whole week's tape. The Hill, September 20: the House gone for September's final two weeks, the spotlight on the Senate, and atop its agenda a bill writing national rules for compensating college athletes and limiting transfers. Introduced in March. A measure like that deserved a closing argument. It got an aircraft.

GUS: On Saturday, September 12, Senator Ted Cruz carried the bill onto ESPN's College GameDay before what the Examiner called a raucous gathering, its closure vote delayed by the August recess. Monday he told reporters his goal was to squeak by with sixty votes. Tuesday the Senate voted to advance it.

GUS: Wednesday, September 23, the White House confirmed to The Hill that the President would attend Texas–Tennessee in Knoxville, his first college football game since January's College Football Playoff National Championship, where Miami defeated Indiana. Thursday the Examiner had the itinerary, reported by OutKick founder Clay Travis, and the purpose: the continued push for passage. Knoxville prepared: gates open early, a third off the beer, a kindness to the gals working concessions.

GUS: Saturday delivered. The New York Post called the flyover majestic; Fox had the new-look Air Force One over a roaring stadium. From the stands the President vouched for the bill — "Bipartisanship for the first time in a while" — and said, "Mike Johnson's fantastic. And we actually had 78 votes, if you can believe it." The broadcast carrying it, per the Post, dissolved into a static-filled mess.

GUS: One more Tennessee dispatch. Wednesday, former state Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, who won August's primary running as a "Pro-Trump" candidate while Rep. Andy Ogles held the President's endorsement, took the Pro-Trump line out of his slogan.

TRUDY HER SIDE

Aircraft later, paperwork now. The Washington Examiner, Saturday: the Protect College Sports Act was introduced in May, and Monday's expected passage would be the furthest a collegiate sports bill has ever gotten in Congress. Furthest ever, Gus.

Read the quote instead of paraphrasing it. The Hill, September 14: 'Our goal from the beginning was not just to squeak by with 60 votes but to get a big' — and in the same breath the senator said he'd like the President to sign it live on College GameDay. Kirk Herbstreit told reporters that Friday. 'We had him on because they were going to be voting this week.' That's a television window, sugar, not a whip count.

Reverse the teams — The Hill says Indiana defeated Miami. And the discount was fifty percent. Fox has the gates opening early with 50% off beer, and the New York Post called it an unusual alcohol tactic to get fans there early. Half price is no kindness to the women working those taps. It's a longer line at the same wage.

The audio failed; the crowd held. Texas escaped Neyland anyway, Colin Simmons with five sacks and Raleek Brown scoring twice, per Fox. I read the Knoxville wire from the flyover to the final gun. Not one dispatch records a senator changing.

So a stadium in Tennessee roared at him the same week a Republican in a deep red Tennessee seat took his name off his own slogan, per the Examiner's Wednesday exclusive. One of those is a receipt. Go lie down, Gus, before that microphone gets hot.

Gus, you are a sportscaster hollering labor law into a live microphone. The receipts: NBC, September 15, calls it NCAA-backed and bipartisan, and Elie Mystal wrote in The Nation on September 18 that it threatens athletes' labor rights. You're right, and the vote is Monday.

THE RECEIPTS

Audio problems plague ABC for Texas-Tennessee after warning of possible disruptions with Trump at game

New York Post · RIGHT · *14:11 EDT*

ABC's audio turned into a static-filled mess Saturday.

Tennessee fans excited for Trump's attendance at game vs Texas: 'I hope he stays the whole game'

Fox News · RIGHT · *11:06 EDT*

Neyland Stadium opened its gates early with 50% off beer as Tennessee Vols fans gear up for the No. 1 Texas SEC showdown and Trump's arrival.

College football pressure index: Three coaches, two QBs and one coordinator under the gun in Week 4

CBS Sports · *10:14 EDT*

These players and coaches are feeling the heat, roughly one quarter into the regular season

SEC crowd greets Trump with massive cheers ahead of Tennessee-Texas showdown

Fox News · RIGHT · *12:10 EDT*

Trump arrived in Knoxville to a roaring Neyland Stadium crowd as the new-look Air Force One flew over ahead of the No. 14 Vols vs. No.

~~We Need to Protect College Sports From Ted Cruz~~

Ted Cruz's bill would strip college athletes of their labor rights

The Nation · *13:20 EDT*

Elie Mystal In this week's Elie v. U.S. ,, our justice correspondent looks at the many ways Cruz's bill threatens athletes' labor rights. Plus: why our mail-in voting nightmare isn't over.

Tennessee uses unusual alcohol tactic to get fans there early with President Trump attending Texas showdown

New York Post · RIGHT · *10:27 EDT*

With ESPN's "College GameDay" also on campus, Trump's presence typically is expected to cause heightened security in Knoxville.

Trump wants the Protect College Sports Act passed. What to know about the legislation.

Washington Examiner · RIGHT · *06:00 EDT*

President Donald Trump is renewing his push for Congress to pass the Protect College Sports Act, attending Saturday's No. 1 Texas-No. 14 Tennessee game in Knoxville days before the Senate is expected to pass the bill Monday — the furthest a collegiate sports bill has ever gotten in Congress.

Trump stumps for Protect College Sports Act at Texas-Tennessee game: 'Bipartisanship for the first time in a while'

Washington Examiner · RIGHT · *16:29 EDT*

President Donald Trump vouched for the Protect College Sports Act while attending the University of Texas versus University of Tennessee college football game on Saturday, saying he thinks House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) can ensure its success in the lower chamber. "Mike Johnson's fantastic. And we actually had 78 votes, if you can...

Trump set to attend Tennessee-Texas football game in Knoxville

The Hill · MAINSTREAM · *16:13 EDT*

President Trump will attend the University of Texas vs. University of Tennessee college football game in Knoxville on Saturday, the White House confirmed to The Hill on Wednesday. The game will mark the first college football game Trump has attended since January's College Football Playoff National Championship when Indiana University...

Trump to attend Texas-Tennessee football game as he pushes college sports bill

Washington Examiner · RIGHT · *22:08 EDT*

President Donald Trump is planning to attend the Texas vs. Tennessee college football game this Saturday, the White House confirmed to the Washington Examiner. The president's appearance at the sports event comes as he continues pushing Congress to pass the Protect College Sports Act.

Trump to attend major Texas vs. Tennessee college football game — and coaches are worried about disruptions

New York Post · RIGHT · *11:33 EDT*

The Southeastern Conference matchup between the No. 1 Longhorns and No. 14 Volunteers in Knoxville is already one of the biggest games in the country this weekend.

Kirk Herbstreit defends having Ted Cruz on 'College GameDay'

The Hill · MAINSTREAM · *17:40 EDT*

Football analyst and ESPN personality Kirk Herbstreit defended the network's decision to have Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) on the network's flagship college football pregame show last week. "We had him on because they were going to be voting this week," Herbstreit told reporters Friday, referring to the Protect College Sports Act, a Senate...

Air Force One does majestic flyover before Trump attends highly anticipated Texas-Tennessee game

New York Post · RIGHT · *13:18 EDT*

A huge Texas-Tennessee matchup had a little extra pageantry.

Trump trolls reporter: 'I don't want fake news like you'

Washington Examiner · RIGHT · *12:31 EDT*

President Donald Trump fired back at a reporter Saturday before boarding Air Force One for the University of Tennessee vs. the University of Texas college football game. "I want real news, not fake news, like you,"

Trump met with roaring cheers at University of Tennessee-Texas Longhorns college football game

New York Post · RIGHT · *13:22 EDT*

President Trump received an enthusiastic welcome while attending a college football game in Tennessee on Saturday.

~~This week on the Hill: Senate eyes final passage on college sports bill~~

Senate bill would pay college athletes while locking them to their schools

The Hill · MAINSTREAM · *17:00 EDT*

With the House out of session for the final two weeks of September, the legislative spotlight is squarely on the Senate, where lawmakers face a packed stretch of work on several of the GOP's remaining priorities. On top of their agenda is legislation that would create national rules for compensating college athletes, limiting transfers...

No. 1 Texas escapes Tennessee with thrilling SEC victory as President Trump watches on from Neyland Stadium

Fox News · RIGHT · *15:33 EDT*

Texas silenced Neyland Stadium, as Colin Simmons recorded five sacks and Raleek Brown scored twice to beat Tennessee with President Donald Trump watching.

~~GOP hopeful removes 'Pro-Trump' mention from campaign slogan in deep-red seat~~

Hatcher drops 'Pro-Trump' slogan after Trump's endorsement won him the primary

Washington Examiner · RIGHT · *16:26 EDT*

EXCLUSIVE — Former Tennessee Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher has changed his campaign slogan to remove a reference to President Donald Trump. Hatcher, who ousted incumbent Rep. Andy Ogles (R-TN) in Tennessee's August primary, ran as a "Pro-Trump"

~~Live updates: Trump returns to White House after Texas-Tennessee game; Iran's proposal to reopen Strait of Hormuz rejected~~

Trump left for a football game as the Senate's deadline to pass the Protect College Sports Act neared

The Hill · MAINSTREAM · *15:33 EDT*

President Trump left Knoxville for the White House Saturday afternoon after attending the University of Texas vs. University of Tennessee football game — an appearance coming ahead of senators' last chance to pass the Protect College Sports Act before recessing into a lame-duck period. Trump flew to Knoxville Saturday morning to watch...

· Cruz: Trump should sign college sports bill live on ESPN's 'College GameDay' once passed *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*

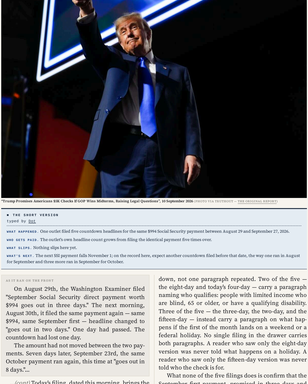
· Cruz faces rowdy crowd at College GameDay while promoting the Protect College Sports Act *from the morgue, 12 Sep 2026*

· Senate votes to move forward with Protect College Sports Act *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

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Same $994 check counted down five times by one outlet: 15 days, then 8, 3, 2, then 4

By BILTIE
THE MONEY DESK



"Trump Promises Americans $5K Checks If GOP Wins Midterms, Raising Legal Questions", 18 September 2024. [PHOTO VIA TWITTER/X — THE ORIGINAL REPORT]

◆ THE SHORT VERSION
Typed by BIL.

WHAT HAPPENED. One outlet filed five countdown headlines for the same $994 Social Security payment between August 29 and September 27, 2026.

HOW DATA WORK. The outlet's own headline count grows from filing the third payment five times over.

WHAT'S ALIVE. Nothing else here yet.

WHAT'S NEXT. The next SSI payment falls November 1; on the record here, expect another countdown filed before that date, the way one ran in August for September and three more ran in September for October.

ALSO RAN ON THE FRONT

On August 29th, the Washington Examiner filed "September Social Security direct payment worth $994 goes out in three days". The next morning, August 30th, it filed the same payment again — same $994, same September first — headline changed to "goes out in two days." One day had passed. The countdown had lost one day.

The amount had not moved between the two payments. Seven days later, September 23rd, the same October payment ran again, this time at "goes out in 8 days."...

[cont] Today's filing, dated this morning, brings the same October $994 in four days. The payment date is the first of the month, as SSI payments typically are. The dollar figure, $994, is the maximum federal amount and has not changed across any of the five filings.

Reconciling the five against each other: the outlet runs two different stock paragraphs beneath the counter, and they do not change between the five headlines. The first, used for the August 29 and August 30 filings, reads: "They've not reported the check, five separate times, because a countdown gets clicked and a calendar doesn't. Nobody at that outlet asked why the same $994 needed fifteen days of warning and then, three weeks later, needed fifteen days of warning again for a different month. The people actually waiting on that $994 got the same amount they got last month and the month before that — the only thing that grew was the headline count." — *Ed*

The second, used for the September 23 and September 27 filings, reads: "Look, this is a public service — seniors and disabled folks deserve to know exactly when their payment lands, down to the day. Five reminders isn't padding, it's diligence. ...Though I'll grant the eight-day one and the fifteen-day one don't even agree on what happens if the first falls on a holiday. Did I say that? That's not — that's not the point I was making." — *Chip*





BASKLINE IN THIS STORY

- *Presidential $5,000 watch if Republicans hold Congress, 750,000 Americans are removed from their health coverage* — By Ruth · the news edition, 13 September 2026
- *GOP senator whose vote is needed to fund $1,000 checks says he won't fund them* — by Lou · the coffee break edition, 11 September 2026
- *Treasury is examining whether the $1,000 checks can be issued without authorization from Congress, days after the president promised them at "100 percent." if Republicans keep Congress.* — By Lou · the breakfast edition, 10 September 2026

THE RECEIPTS

Trump Promises Americans $5K Checks If GOP Wins Midterms, Raising Legal Questions

Paying voters $5K is a crime under two federal laws - and grounds for impeachment.
Truthout · 11:19 EDT

Two federal statutes forbid paying people to vote, and the Constitution lists bribery as an impeachable offense.

October Social Security direct payment worth $994 goes out in 8 days

Washington Examiner · 08:00 EDT

The October 2026 Supplemental Security Income payments, worth up to $994, will be sent to recipients in 8 days. SSI payments are typically issued on the first day of each month. The program supports people with limited income who are blind, age 65 or older, or have a qualifying disability.

Raw **"We've got to get rid of the $99 trillion in debt" - Trump promised it done in eight years, March 2016** *The Truthseer Nov. 8 March 2016*

[redacted]
Top Republicans didn't expect Trump's dividends. Now they're scrambling.
Politico · 06:07 EDT

As they gathered in Dallas, GOP lawmakers wavered from full-on embrace to full-on avoidance of the president's promise of $5,000 checks to Americans.

Amarullah advances on Hall & Mandali; Trump offers to pay Americans $5,000 for midterm votes; U.S. kills 3 in Caribbean boat strike

Deep Dive News · 10:34 EDT

Deep Dive Daily: September 10, 2026

October Social Security direct payment worth $994 goes out in 4 days

Washington Examiner · 08:00 EDT

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- October Supplementary Security direct payment worth $994 goes out in 15 days *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- September Social Security direct payment worth $994 goes out in two days *from the morgue, 30 Aug 2026*
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- Bessent Defends Faltering Bond Market Intervention *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
- Bessent says Treasury is 'examining' ability to cut $5,000 checks without Congress *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
- Bessent's move to tamp down rising rates backfires as bond yields jump, stocks tumble *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*
- The bond market is revolting — and your mortgage is the first casualty *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*
- Fiscal hawks skeptical of Bessent's claim that US can 'grow our way out' of $40 trillion debt *from the morgue, 27 Aug 2026*
- Bessent blasts Warren's 'sciolistic' letter about yen policy *from the morgue, 29 Aug 2026*
- Soros-funded Philadelphia district attorney insinuates Trump is a '35-time felon,' calling $5,000 dividend a bribe *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
- Soros-funded Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner's terrible, horrible, no good, very bad Thursday *from the morgue, 31 Aug 2026*
- Voters have a blunt message for Trump about his idea to dole out $5,000 checks *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
- Why Donald Trump has a Joe Biden problem *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
- Does Trump have a 'Biden problem' on the economy? *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*
- Trump's $5,000 dividend falls flat with GOP senators *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
- Trump sees backlash over $5K dividend pledge *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump plan to raise debt limit on shaky ground *from the morgue, 26 Aug 2026*
- 5 things to know about Trump's $5K dividend pledge *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- 'Vance strikes back at concern $5,000 Trump dividend will stoke debt: 'Wealth will go back to the people' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Marshall backtracks on support for $5,000 Trump dividend in Kansas Senate debate *from the morgue, 12 Sep 2026*
- Vance and MAGA Inc. work to defend Roger Marshall in redder Kansas *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- Roger Marshall Sued 700 Patients for Debts; 81 Were Arrested. Now He's a Senator. *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*
- Conservatives would scream 'bloody murder' if Democratic president offered dividend to maintain power: Guy Benson *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- Will Trump's payout promises boost Republican appeal to white women? *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- Republicans need a Reagan-style vision to win the battle over America's future *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- Trump's promised $5,000 'dividend' checks: What to know *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's Reckless $5,000 'Dividend' *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- Republicans bet the House on Trump *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- Axelrod dismisses the idea of the proposed $5000 'Trump dividend' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump pledges $5K 'Trump dividend' if Republicans hold onto Congress *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump says $5K dividend checks to Americans will 'happen 100 percent' *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- Lawler deflects on supporting Trump's $5K dividend pledge: 'How do you pay for it?' *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
- GOP rep says priority 'needs to be the military,' not $5K checks *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*
- Susan Collins calls Trump's $5,000 dividend proposal with no cap 'extraordinarily costly' *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*
- Bret Baier presses Paxton on Trump $5K dividend payment support *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*
- Gavin Newsom calls Trump's $5K voter payout 'bulls--' and a 'desperate' power grab *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*
- Trump pitches $5,000 checks, but only if GOP wins House and Senate *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's $5,000 payments would reignite inflation, economists say *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Why Trump promised $5,000 payments to Americans are unlikely to happen *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Bond yields rise modestly after Trump dividend pledge *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump promises Obamacare rebates to people in swing states *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Steve Scalise says details of $5,000 dividends would "obviously have to be worked out by Congress" *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's $5,000 dividend pledge divides Republicans over spending *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Many Republicans skeptical about Trump plan to tie $5,000 dividends to GOP wins *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Anger Grows Over 'Pathological Liar-in-Chief' Donald Trump's $5,000 Midterm Bribes *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Talking Bond Yields Par the Rich and Squeeze Everyone Else *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- Trump-aligned group releases first midterm ads -- and they're all about him *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- The Memo: Bond market turmoil heightens midterm risks for Trump and GOP *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- Trump's Plan To Cut $5,000 Checks For Americans Not Landing With Many Midterm Convention Attendees *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Texas Democrat Gina Hinojosa backs Trump's $5,000 dividend but rejects conditional payout *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Voters may accept Trump's bribes, but the bond markets aren't biting *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- In Trump's Second Term, Average US Family Forced to Spend $3,800 More on Essentials *from the morgue, 27 Aug 2026*
- Why not to bank on Trump's $5,000 dividend checks happening *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump shares details on $5,000 dividend with CBS News Texas *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Some Republicans Balk at Trump's $5,000 'Dividend' Offer *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- The political risk behind Trump's $5,000 pledge: From the Politics Desk *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Bob Cusack raises concerns over Trump's $5,000 check proposal: 'Deficits matter, debt matters' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Global sell-off in government bonds intensifies *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*
- Trump vs. the Bond Market *from the morgue, 28 Aug 2026*
- The United States House of Representatives passes the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 by 227 votes to 203. After being sent to the United States Senate for a vote, the Senate's parliamentarian found the *from the morgue, 19 Dec 2017*
- The attorney general of New York announces she is suing the Donald J. Trump Foundation and its directors, President Donald Trump, Donald Trump, Jr., Ivanka Trump and Eric Trump. (CNBC) *from the morgue, 14 Jun 2018*
- Trump gambles big on midterm elections with convention spotlight *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*
- Vulnerable Republicans divided over wisdom of Trump's midterm convention *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*
- Republican strategist knocks Trump for not spending more on GOP candidates *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*
- Republicans ready for 'very hasty' 'Trump-a-palooza' convention in Texas *from the morgue, 30 Aug 2026*
- Some Republicans are planning to skip Trump's GOP convention *from the morgue, 3 Sep 2026*
- Trump promises $5,000 'dividend' for adult Americans if Republicans win midterms *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump claims $5,000 midterm dividends wouldn't need congressional approval *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's $5,000 dividend checks would come with a major catch under GOP senator's plan *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump faces reckoning as GOP figures label $5K promise a 'socialist vote-buying scheme' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's proposed $5,000 dividend blindsides Congress, angers fiscal conservatives: 'A dangerous arms race' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump Wants to Give Out $5,000 Checks. It Would Cost More Than $1 Trillion. *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Fox News's Baier presses Vance on Trump's $5K dividend promise *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's Republican midterm convention included $5,000 pitch and Iran war expectations *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Treasury boosts debt buyback cap to $6 billion *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*
- Treasury Plans $6 Billion in Debt Repurchases to Battle Rising Yields *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*
- Lowest-Paying US Corporations Have Poured Over $700 Billion Into Buybacks Since 2019 *from the morgue, 27 Aug 2026*
- Feds to buy up to $6 billion in Treasury bonds. Here's why. *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*
- Treasury reveals $6B in debt buybacks, triple the normal level – but markets slump *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*
- 10-year Treasury yields hit multiyear high after buyback increase *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*

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Detroit's three dead match South Africa's at-least 27, match Minneapolis's two-or-three, depending which wire you trust.

By SAL.
STAFF WRITER



"Separate mass shootings in South Africa townships leave at least 27 people dead", 27 September 2026 (PHOTO VIA WASHINGTON EXAMINER — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. News wires filed conflicting death tolls for shootings in Minneapolis, Detroit and South Africa within the same month.

WHO GETS PAID. The receipts name no buyer yet.

WHAT SLIPS. The public's chance to get one confirmed death toll for a mass shooting slips, since wire outlets have not revised any of these counts downward.

WHAT'S NEXT. If wire counts keep drifting uncorrected, fewer places will have a local reporter left to check them; that is what the country got after October 20, 2025: 213 counties with no local news source at all.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

At 7:21 a.m. Sunday, a fight inside an after-hours strip club in Detroit left three men dead and four other patrons wounded, according to Detroit Police Chief Todd Bettison.

Hours earlier, on the other side of the planet, eight gunmen carrying AK-47 rifles and pistols opened fire on patrons at a bar in a South African township. A second shooting followed the same night, in a separate township. Police in Cape Town told the Associated Press the two attacks left "at least" 27 dead — a number that arrived pre-hedged, built only to be revised upward....

...(cont) CBS filed the story on September 3 and called it two dead, multiple injured. The same outlet filed it again that same day — still two dead, but six injured this time. The Washington Examiner had two dead and three wounded officers. Fox had three dead, "including [the] suspected gunman," three officers hurt, four more victims, seven people driven to hospitals in all.

That is the pattern the fold keeps handing back. A body count arrives in installments, and the revision only ever runs one direction. Detroit's three matches Minneapolis's low count. South Africa's 27 arrived already flagged as a floor, never a ceiling. Nobody in Cape Town, Minneapolis, or Detroit has issued a revision downward.

The wire services are counting the same bodies at different speeds, from different desks, with different rules about who counts as a victim and who counts as a cause.

Three newsrooms filed three different numbers for one shooting in one city on one day. If a correction is coming, it has not run yet.

"Three dead in Detroit, three dead in Minneapolis if you count the guy holding the gun, twenty-seven dead in South Africa "at least" — that's not luck, that's how the ledger gets kept: round up for them, round down for the rest of us. Nobody audits a body count once it's printed, and nobody has to, because the number only climbs from here. That's the business model, and it runs on our nickel."
— Sal

"Wire copy updates in real time — that's not spin, that's reporting. Sure the same shooting goes from two dead to three depending which outlet you ask, but that's just fog-of-breaking-news stuff, nothing systemic about it. Why do all three numbers only ever move up and never down? Did I just say that? That's not the talking point."
— Chip

THE RECEIPTS

3 killed, 4 others hurt in shooting at "after-hours" spot in Detroit, police say

CBS News MAINSTREAM § *12:40 EDT*

Three males are dead and four other people are injured after a shooting at an "after-hours" location in Detroit Sunday morning.

Separate mass shootings in South Africa townships leave at least 27 people dead

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *09:10 EDT*

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Eight gunmen with AK-47 rifles and pistols opened fire at patrons at a bar in the first of two separate mass shootings in South African townships in the space of a few hours that left at least 27 people dead, police said Sunday. The first massacre occurred late Saturday [...]

But: Mass shootings in the United States this year: 299 *Gun Violence Archive*

Three dead and four injured in Detroit strip club shooting, police say

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *15:43 EDT*

Three people were killed and four more injured in a mass shooting at a Detroit strip club early Sunday morning. The shooting occurred at 7:21 a.m., according to Detroit Police Chief Todd Bettison, and stemmed from a fight. All victims were in their 20s and 30s; the three deaths were men, and the wounded were [...]

- 2 killed, multiple injured and gunman dead after mass shooting in downtown Minneapolis *from the morgue, 3 Sep 2026*
- 2 killed, 6 injured and gunman dead after mass shooting in downtown Minneapolis *from the morgue, 3 Sep 2026*
- Two dead and three officers injured in Minneapolis shooting *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- 3 dead, including suspected gunman, and 3 officers injured in Minneapolis shooting *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*

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Party that insists it doesn't throw anybody under the bus spent the week disowning its girls' sports reversal.

By CHIP
STAFF WRITER



"RNC rips Beshear's 'woke trans record' over veto of Kentucky girls' sports bill", 27 September 2026 (PHOTO VIA FOX NEWS — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. Kentucky's governor vetoed a transgender athletes ban and said his party doesn't reverse itself on the issue.

WHO GETS PAID. Democratic House candidates in competitive races get cover; a Texas Senate candidate gets a safer answer than his own record.

WHAT SLIPS. Voters checking a candidate's record against their campaign ad lose the check when the two quietly stop matching.

WHAT'S NEXT. If the pattern holds, expect more Democratic candidates to adopt Republican-sounding rules on girls' sports while their old votes stay on the books uncorrected; that is what Washington Examiner reporting already found nationwide on September 22, 2026.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear vetoed his state's transgender athletes ban and told the RNC piling on him that his party never throws — doesn't, rather, throw anybody under the bus. Never is my word, not his; the governor's is the more careful one, and on the specific fact of his own veto, it holds. He kept it. That much of the defense is not in dispute.

The rest of the sentence has a calendar problem, and the calendar starts in Texas. On September 9th, Paxton, still sitting as attorney general, put his name on a release handing out more than 7 million eggs from a legal settlement. The next poll, September 10th, had Talarico four points up. That same day, Talarico told The Hill he opposes transgender athletes in girls' sports "if it endangers safety or fairness" — a Democrat closing a Senate race, finding his own qualifier....

...(cont) Twelve days later, on September 22nd, the Washington Examiner reported the qualifier wasn't his alone. Democratic House candidates nationwide were telling voters on TV screens that they agreed with Republicans on keeping transgender athletes out of girls' sports and giving parents more control — the same candidates whose votes, cast as state or local legislators, said otherwise. The reporting didn't call it a reversal. It ran the voting records next to the ads and let the two disagree.

So the defense I'd like to make — that this is one governor, one veto, one honest sentence — doesn't survive contact with September 22nd. It isn't that Beshear misspoke about Kentucky. It's that the bus he says his party doesn't drive was already moving, five days before he reached the podium, with his own candidates at the wheel in states he doesn't govern.

The rider is a Minnesota softball player who wrote about losing her state championship semifinal to a team fielding a transgender pitcher, and about refusing to lose her voice next. She isn't on any ballot. She doesn't get a TV ad or a veto with her name on it. She gets the outcome the qualifiers exist to manage, and the sentence built to cover it — his party doesn't throw anybody under the bus — was true right up until the record was checked.

> "A governor vetoes the bill, then goes on television using the exact phrase his own party's candidates are quietly disproving with their voting records — that's not a contradiction, that's the whole strategy: say the humane thing in Kentucky, run the cruel ad in Ohio, and let nobody read both papers. The kid who actually loses the semifinal doesn't get a press conference; she gets an op-ed she had to write herself."
> — Sal

> "Look, the governor vetoed a bill and defended it in plain English — that's called having a spine, and if his own party's House candidates in other states are running different ads, that's called federalism, not — okay, that's not what federalism means, that's just candidates saying different things to different voters, which, fine, is also not great, but it's not the same as what he did, which was the veto, which he kept."
> — Chip

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

- *Kansas Republicans tout their 94-year streak, then warn reporters a 'perfect storm' could end it.* By Sal · the matinee edition, 27 September 2026
- *Republicans spend $100 million and 7 million eggs, then watch Paxton's deficit grow from 3 to 5.* By Ruth · the matinee edition, 27 September 2026
- *Party that kept Jesus out of its ads for decades now runs pastors asking whether he was woke* By Sal · the coffee break edition, 27 September 2026
- *$100 million and 7 million eggs later, Paxton is down five points, exactly where he started* By Ruth · the coffee break edition, 27 September 2026
- *Fetterman won't rule out being the deciding vote for either party, months after starring in their convention ad.* By Lou · the sunrise edition, 27 September 2026
- *Republicans spend $100 million and 7 million eggs rescuing Paxton, get nothing back in the polls* By Ruth · the sunrise edition, 27 September 2026

THE RECEIPTS

RNC rips Beshear's 'woke trans record' over veto of Kentucky girls' sports bill

Fox News RIGHT § *14:20 EDT*

Kentucky Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear defended his veto of a transgender athletes ban, saying his party doesn't "throw anybody under the bus."

Democrats paper over transgender voting records with pivot on girls' sports

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *06:00 EDT*

Democratic House candidates are telling voters on TV screens that they support "common-sense rules" for keeping transgender student athletes out of girls' sports and giving greater control to parents, even going so far as to say they agree with Republicans on the hot-button cultural issue. But their voting records from their time as...

I lost a state championship to a boy. I refuse to lose my voice

Fox News RIGHT § *09:00 EDT*

A Minnesota softball player describes losing her state championship semifinal to a team with a transgender pitcher and her fight for female athletes.

· Talarico opposes trans athletes in girls sports 'if it endangers safety or fairness' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*

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THE CAP

Historically low refugee cap expands by 10,000 slots for white South Africans.

By MITCH
INVESTIGATIONS

"Trump pushes to admit 17,500 White Afrikaners from South Africa in 2027 refugee cap", 23 September 2026 (PHOTO VIA THE HILL — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
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WHAT HAPPENED. The administration filled the refugee cap primarily with white South Africans while the Iran refugee program awaits renewal.

WHO GETS PAID. The filing reserves nearly the entire refugee cap's seats for white South Africans, at the president's own direction.

WHAT SLIPS. The congressional check meant to protect persecuted religious minorities from Iran slips as their program's reauthorization stalls.

WHAT'S NEXT. If Congress does not reauthorize the amendment, it lapses at the Sept. 30 deadline already named in this filing, and the processing centers built for persecuted Iranians stay closed.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

Congress has until Wednesday — three days from this paper — to reauthorize the Lautenberg Amendment, the program that resettles persecuted religious minorities fleeing Iran.

The same week, the administration sent Congress a different filing: the total refugee cap for fiscal 2027. The Washington Examiner reports the notice went to Congress on a Tuesday. It set the ceiling at 17,500 slots. CBS News, The Hill, and the Washington Examiner all reported the number the same day, September 23, and all three read the same line inside the filing: the slots, President Trump said, will go primarily to white Afrikaners, the descendants of Dutch and other European settlers in South Africa, whom he says are oppressed....

...(cont) All together now — set the two lines beside each other. The Washington Examiner's own reporting on enforcement puts the refugee ceiling's fall at 125,000 to 7,500 over two years; against that fall, 17,500 is not the door reopening, it is one exception, cut to the width of one filing. The Hill's second dispatch does the rest of the arithmetic: the new number is 10,000 higher than last year's cap, itself, the paper notes, the lowest proposed rate in the program's history — the raise and the race, typed into the same document.

The Washington Examiner attaches a dollar figure to the filing as well: roughly $500 million to admit the 17,500 people the cap allows in fiscal 2027, which starts Oct.

None of this is a leak, a rumor, or somebody's theory of the case. It is the paperwork Congress already has: a ceiling and an earmark sitting in the same notice, the headcount and the complexion typed on the same line, so that the only arithmetic anyone has to do is read it.

❦ FROM THE CORNER ❦

DUTCH

The State Department's own filing lists one number, 17,500, and specifies the complexion of the people meant to fill it. That is not a refugee ceiling, it is a family-reunion program for the descendants of European settlers, run on paperwork built to move people out of Iran's prisons. Because the ceiling has one lever this year, the church committee that spent the summer readying a family's Lautenberg sponsorship folder gets it handed back unopened, and the co-sponsor line with your signature on it goes back in the parish file drawer.



"They didn't close the refugee program, they just re-labeled who the word "refugee" is allowed to describe. Seventeen thousand five hundred slots, same number as the whole damn cap, and the paperwork says primarily white — that's not a typo, that's the org chart. Somewhere there's a family that's been doing the interviews and the medical exams for two years waiting on Iran's side of that ledger, and the filing just told them the seat's taken."

— Sal



"Look, the president is simply recognizing a humanitarian crisis the media refuses to cover — Afrikaner farmers, real persecution, real numbers. Is 17,500 out of a cap that used to be 125,000 kind of the whole cap now? I mean, technically — no, that's not — the administration remains fully committed to religious minorities everywhere, the paperwork's just, it's a scheduling thing."

— Chip

THE RECEIPTS

~~Trump pushes to admit 17,500 White Afrikaners from South Africa in 2027 refugee cap~~

Trump sets refugee admissions at a record low - ICE still gets $70 billion

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *16:57 EDT*

The Trump administration on Wednesday proposed raising the refugee cap for the coming year to 17,500 people, which is a historically low figure, and which President Trump argued should primarily be given to white Afrikaners. The move raises by 10,000 last year's refugee cap – the lowest proposed rate in the history of the program...

~~Trump's refugee program has a type — and it's white~~

The refugee ceiling fell to 7,500. Next year's 17,500 slots go mostly to white South Africans.

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *07:00 EDT*

Washington has spent two years telling Americans the door is closing. The refugee ceiling fell to 7,500, down from 125,000. On enforcement, the Trump administration has done what it promised.

~~If Trump is serious about antisemitism, he should reopen this lifeline for refugees~~

Trump's administration closed the processing centers Iranian religious minorities need to escape persecution

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *13:00 EDT*

As Congress faces a Sept. 30 deadline to reauthorize the Lautenberg Amendment, critics argue the Trump administration has undermined the program by closing the processing centers essential for helping Iranian religious minorities escape persecution.

Trump administration boosts Afrikaner refugee numbers to 17,500 over next year

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *13:54 EDT*

The Trump administration notified Congress on Tuesday it plans to accept thousands more of South African refugees into the United States than expected over the next 12 months. In a roughly $500 million effort, the U.S. will admit 17,500 mostly Afrikaner refugees throughout fiscal 2027, which starts on Oct.

The U.S. has 17,500 refugee slots. Trump says they will primarily go to white South Africans.

CBS News MAINSTREAM § *12:35 EDT*

The Trump administration says it will allow up to 17,500 refugees to migrate to the U.S. in 2027, despite closing most of the U.S. refugee program, which is meant for those fleeing persecution and violence abroad.

Trump Jr.'s wife says the wedding gift needed no explaining: the president explains it was repaid.

By Lee
Lee's latest publication

Take with Trump's wedding gift from Russian oligarch 'stupid on stilts' | The Hill https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/517...

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short summary: President Trump said his son-stupid the Russian oligarch who funded his May wedding.

new data used: The example cases on Ivanka's gift.

short title: Trump/son-in-law/gift-Rob's Aligning: the ranking member's September 27th statement and Garcia's still-unanswered request.

DETAILED SUMMARY

Here's the link: at the time of this writing, September 14th: Bettina Trump puts on Instagram a photo of herself and Ivanka at the wedding gift from Russian oligarch Aras Agalarov's Umar Kremlev was nothing to go making headlines over. Some days: Robert Garcia, the ranking member in the House Oversight, presses the administration for answers about what that oligarch-money bought Trump's son. 18th: Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez says the administration is selling us every person in the United States. September 18th: the president, asked about it in the Oval Office, and the calendar date that Instagram post was September 17th – today: Senator Thom Tillis posts on CNN and calls the whole arrangement quote-unquote an oddity. "This is a man who's worth somewhere between $300 million and $400 million," he says, meaning $wealth.

...[cont]: That the list. I'm not going to add to it.

I ran a tab once, at the corner bar down the block from the house – the one with the hand-lettered sign in the window, doesn't matter which one. When the server let me run it, he called it a favor: no rush, pay me when you can. When I settled up three weeks later, he called it exactly that, settling up. Two different words for two different things. A favor doesn't get an invoice. A debt does.

So here's what sits with me. On the one, Bettina Trump says the gift needed no explanation. That was after a sitting member of Congress asks for an explanation anyway. It doesn't really nothing to explain. That's not during what Congressman Garcia thinks he's asking about.

Four days after that, the president stands in front of reporters and says his son already paid $member $sum. Not illegal, not what he's for, what, exactly, if the gift needed no defending in the first place? You don't pay back a favor. You pay back a loan. Somewhere between the 14th and the 18th, this family's own story changed which one it was.

Garcia-Cortez said, on the 15th, that the country was being sold out. I don't know what she meant by that exactly. I'm not her. I'm not in that House office and I notice she said it the day after the Instagram post and three days before the Oval Office, and the calendar date became next to each other whether I comment on it or not.

And then today. Tillis — a Republican, one of the president's own — calls the arrangement stupid on stilts. Not illegal, not what he read. Not under investigation, not that I've read. Stupid on stilts. His words, on CNN, this morning.

Garcia asked his question on the 14th. Today is the 27th. Is he still waiting on his answer? Because in three days of citygroup — the kind I keep linked in the glovebox — I learned front one.

Oh — excuse me, before you go. One more thing, and forgive me, I already read you this number once today. Tillis put Ivanka's net worth somewhere north of three hundred million, maybe closer to four, to which it is that the kind of money where a wedding gift doesn't need defending, or the kind of money where it still has to get paid back?

"They sell you $1 for a wedding gift, then two years later they'll send you $ got paid back — pick me because Ivanka's worth three hundred million dollars and Jared's worth a billion and doesn't need Russian money or his wedding unless somebody's buying something. Nothing to see here" and the "don't worry, we handled it" can't look be true, and the guy still waiting on an answer from Oversight isn't the one who gets to decide which." — Lee

"Look, it's a gift, people give gifts at weddings, this is not complicated — the president has addressed it, clarify was discussed. And even if money changed hands, well, it got paid back. That's the issue — wait, it's needed to be paid back, why did we spend two weeks saying it needed no explanation? Did I say that? That doesn't sound like me." — Lee

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Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), who voted to confirm Defense Secretary Pete Hogseth, is renewing his call for President Trump to fire the Pentagon chief after being briefed on classified information. "He needs to go, whether it's impeachment or the next republican nuke — just the president to replace him — would be good."

Trump bombshell on unredacted war: Families are paying $2,500 for it.
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Matt Bell has been farming in North Carolina for more than half his life. He voted for President Trump but said farmers are "fighting for survival" as they combat rising prices.

Former who voted for Trump says farmers are 'all just in survival mode'
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Matt Bell said he initially supported Trump's policies but now finds he and other farmers were "sold a bill of goods" that there was a plan to "put America's farmers and ranchers first."

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All of the Democrats in the Senate — excluding Pennsylvania's Sen. John Fetterman — signed an open letter to Defense Secretary Pete Hogseth, pressing him to give Congress an breakdown of the war in Iran. The letter, although largely symbolic, reflects the frustration of many Democrats in Congress over what they perceive as a...

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Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY.) announced Thursday that four Republicans, including him, have signed the Epstein Files II discharge petition and expressed confidence it will pass the House. The news comes after House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) met lawmakers from the caucus's seven-man caucus ahead of the conference election...

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Fraud gets you convicted if it busts a gold Cybertruck; it gets 760,000 people cut without one.

By BEITH
THE SENTRY STAFF



Trump Promises Americans 5K Checks If GOP Wins Midterms, Raising Legal Questions", 21 September 2026 (PHOTO TO TWITMOTT / THE SENTRY ARCHIVE)

ALSO RAN ON THE FRONT

The word doing the work this week is fraud, and it turns out to mean two different things depending on who is holding it.

This week the Justice Department got its conviction. Kevin D. Curry, 64, ran a Texas clinic that billed TRICARE, the military's health program, $26 million for transcranial magnetic stimulation sessions the government's filing says he did not perform. The kickbacks went into a gold-plated Tesla Cybertruck and what the New York Post calls a lavish lifestyle. That is what a fraud case looks like when somebody has to build one: a name, a dollar figure, a jury, a truck you point a camera at.

…(cont) Three weeks earlier, on September 4th, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton opened an investigation of his own, into a major military healthcare contractor, over claims the receipts say were wrongfully denied. That is fraud running the other direction — real treatment, refused — and as of this writing, he has not verdict, no truck, just an open file.

> "They caught the guy with the gold truck, good, that's an easy one — but watch the other hand: the same week the word "fraud" got used to bounce three-quarters of a million people off insurance, and this time there's no jury, no interior, just a federal contractor that can't decide if it's 700,000 or 760,000. One word, two standards of proof, and you can guess which one the government holds itself to."
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> — *Ed*

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The Trump administration is planning to boot more than 700,000 people from their Affordable Care Act coverage as part of a purported initiative to root out fraud in the program—an effort that campaigners said is nothing more than a pretext to kick more people off healthcare. Vice President JD Vance, who is leading the White House's "Task…

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Texas clinic owner convicted in $26M military health fraud tied to gold-plated Cybertruck
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Kevin D. Curry used TRICARE kickbacks to fund a gold-plated Tesla Cybertruck and lavish parties after billing $26 million in fake TMS therapy claims.

Trump's signature law cut SNAP by $181 billion - the largest cut ever, hitting one in five American kids

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The tax cuts in President Trump's signature achievement were the Republicans' answer to voters' economic struggles, but its health care and food assistance cuts are taking a toll.

Texas clinic owner found guilty of $26 million scheme — which funded gold Cybertruck and lavish lifestyle

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The Justice Department said Kevin D. Curry, 64, "shamelessly preyed" on veterans by exploiting the TRICARE health program.

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- Susan Collins calls Trump's $5,000 dividend proposal with no cap 'extraordinarily costly' *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*
- Bret Baier presses Paxton on Trump $5K dividend payment support *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*
- Gavin Newsom calls Trump's $5K voter payout 'bulls--' and a 'desperate' power grab *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*
- Trump pitches $5,000 checks, but only if GOP wins House and Senate *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's $5,000 payments would reignite inflation, economists say *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Why Trump promised $5,000 payments to Americans are unlikely to happen *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Bond yields rise modestly after Trump's dividend pledge *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
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- Trump-aligned group releases first midterm ads — and they're all about him *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- The Memo: Bond market turmoil heightens midterm risks for Trump and GOP *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- Trump's Plan To Cut $5,000 Checks For Americans Not Landing With Many Midterm Convention Attendees *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Texas Democrat Gina Hinojosa backs Trump's $5,000 dividend but rejects conditional payout *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Voters may accept Trump's bribes, but the bond markets aren't biting *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- In Trump's Second Term, Average US Family Forced to Spend $3,800 More on Essentials *from the morgue, 27 Aug 2026*
- Why not to bank on Trump's $5,000 dividend checks happening *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump shares details on $5,000 dividend with CBS News Texas *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Some Republicans Balk at Trump's $5,000 'Dividend' Offer *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- The political risk behind Trump's $5,000 pledge: From the Politics Desk *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Bob Cusack raises concerns over Trump's $5,000 check proposal: 'Deficits matter, debt matters' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
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- Global sell-off in government bonds intensifies *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*
- Trump vs. the Bond Market *from the morgue, 28 Aug 2026*
- The United States House of Representatives passes the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 by 227 votes to 203. After being sent to the United States Senate for a vote, the Senate's parliamentarian found the *from the morgue, 19 Dec 2017*
- The attorney general of New York announces she is suing the Donald J. Trump Foundation and its directors, President Donald Trump, Donald Trump, Jr., Ivanka Trump and Eric Trump. (CNBC) *from the morgue, 14 Jun 2019*
- Trump gambles big on midterm elections with convention spotlight *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*
- Vulnerable Republicans divided over wisdom of Trump's midterm convention *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*
- Republican strategist knocks Trump for not spending more on GOP candidates *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*
- Republicans ready for 'very hasty' 'Trump-a-palooza' convention in Texas *from the morgue, 30 Aug 2026*
- Some Republicans are planning to skip Trump's GOP convention *from the morgue, 3 Sep 2026*
- Trump promises $5,000 'dividend' for adult Americans if Republicans win midterms *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump claims $5,000 midterm dividends wouldn't need congressional approval *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's $5,000 dividend checks would come with a major catch under GOP senator's plan *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump faces reckoning as GOP figures label $5K promise a 'socialist vote-buying scheme' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's proposed $5,000 dividend blindsides Congress, angers fiscal conservatives: 'A dangerous arms race' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump Wants to Give Out $5,000 Checks. It Would Cost More Than $1 Trillion. *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's Republican midterm convention included $5,000 pitch and Iran war expectations *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Treasury boosts debt buyback cap to $6 billion *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*

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Kansas pastor asks, 'Wasn't Jesus woke?'; Republican strategists call the race a 'perfect storm.'

By SAL
STAFF WRITER



"“Wasn't Jesus Woke?”", 27 September 2026 (PHOTO VIA DROP SITE NEWS — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. A Methodist pastor challenging Kansas's Republican senator now trails him by five points in the polls.

WHO GETS PAID. The receipts name no buyer yet.

WHAT SLIPS. Nothing slips here yet.

WHAT'S NEXT. Kansas Republicans are calling their own seat a 'perfect storm' six weeks before Election Day; the receipts do not yet show which way the five-point margin moves by November 2026.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

Ninety-four years is how long it has been since Kansas sent a Democrat to the U.S. Senate. That is the streak Sen. Roger Marshall is running to protect in 2026, and the record now shows the people paid to protect it describing, on their own, how it could end.

The first crack showed on September 16, when Kansas's former Republican governor endorsed Adam Hamilton, the Methodist minister challenging Marshall, over the sitting Republican senator. Two days later, on September 18, a poll went out reporting Hamilton ahead of Marshall in a race the wire called tight — a Democrat leading in Kansas, on paper, for the first time in ninety-four years....

...(cont) Nine days after that poll, the numbers moved again. The Hill's count, filed this week, puts Hamilton five points behind Marshall, not ahead. Whichever number holds by November, the same race produced a lead and then a deficit inside nine days, and Republican operatives are the ones who put a name to what that swing looks like from where they sit: a 'perfect storm.'

None of this required Hamilton to soften anything. He built the swing by running straight at the fight Kansas Republicans have spent a generation picking, asking primary and general-election voters directly whether Jesus was woke, a question that turns the party's own word back on the party that coined it as an insult.

What connects a governor's defection, a nine-day swing in the polling, and a pastor testing his opponents' vocabulary on their own turf is who is saying 'perfect storm' out loud: not Hamilton's campaign, not national Democratic strategists hunting for a long-shot storyline to sell, but the Kansas Republican Party's own bench, talking to reporters, on the record, about their own seat. A ninety-four-year streak does not get a warning label that specific unless the people closest to it already believe this is the year it needs one.

“A Republican ex-governor crossed the aisle, a poll had the preacher ahead, and now the same race sits five points tight while GOP strategists hand reporters the phrase 'perfect storm' like it's weather instead of a forecast they wrote themselves. Ninety-four years is a long bet to put on one letter after a name, and that bet just started looking shaky from the inside.”
— Sal

“A single poll and one retired governor don't erase ninety-four years of Kansas voting history — Kansans always vote the ticket... wait, we just spent three sentences explaining why they might not this time, so scratch 'always.' Point is, calling it a 'perfect storm' is just due diligence, the kind we'd do even if we weren't worried at all.”
— Chip

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THE RECEIPTS

“Wasn't Jesus Woke?”

Drop Site News § *09:28 EDT*

Kansas pastor Adam Hamilton is challenging party lines in a tight Senate race.

GOP fears 'perfect storm' could lead to Marshall's loss in red state Kansas

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *12:00 EDT*

It's been nearly a century since Kansas voters sent a Democrat to the Senate. But Adam Hamilton, a prominent pastor, is looking to make that jump as Republicans grow more and more unsettled about incumbent GOP Sen. Roger Marshall's chances in the heartland.

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Fetterman says Democrats have room for 9/11 apologists than him, then predicts they win anyway.

By **CHIP**
STAFF WRITER



"John Fetterman accidentally calls himself a 'lifelong Republican' at Texas Tribune Festival", 27 September 2026 (PHOTO VIA FOX NEWS — THE ORIGINALS REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Bot.

WHAT HAPPENED. Senator John Fetterman called himself a "lifelong Republican" on stage, then said Democrats have room for 9/11 apologists than him.
WHO GETS PAID. Republican Senate candidate Dave McCormick, who got the senator's on-camera endorsement at the GOP's midterm convention.
WHAT SLIPS. Nothing slips here yet.
WHAT'S NEXT. The next check is the 2026 midterm elections, where voters decide whether his party keeps the Senate majority he says is within reach.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

Start with the ledger, not the stage. On August 28th, Senator John Fetterman told The Hill his own party has a "socialism problem," and named the defendants: Abdul El-Sayed, the Democratic Senate nominee in Michigan, and Graham Platner, who had already dropped out of the Maine Senate race. That is beat one, a diagnosis delivered from inside the patient.

By September 4th, a fellow Pennsylvania Democrat answered back. Beat two: the diagnosis got its own diagnosis, from his own caucus, in his own state....

...(cont) Ten days later, on September 14th, the New York Post ran the headline his record had already written for him: "Fury at Fetterman refutes Democrats' claim to be a 'big tent' party." The Post's evidence was the video Fetterman had taped for the Republican National Committee's midterm convention, endorsing GOP Senate candidate Dave McCormick and pledging to work with Trump. A sitting Democrat's face, on a loop, at the other party's convention, under the words "big tent." Beat three, and the Post did not have to embellish a word of it.

Then came today's beat, the one that closes the loop instead of just widening it. At the Texas Tribune Festival, Fetterman referred to himself on stage as a "lifelong Republican," a label he then walked back, Fox News reported, to laughs from the crowd. In that same appearance, he told the audience the Democratic Party's big tent has more room for people who say America "deserved 9/11" than it has for pro-Israel Democrats like him. One label applied to himself by mistake, one label he insists the party reserves for everyone but him.

And then, in that same room, CBS News has him saying it is "entirely possible" his party retakes the Senate this cycle. He left the door open, too, on what he does next. The tape says Republican. The mouth says Republican, catches itself, says Democrat, then says the Democrats can't be trusted with a big tent but can be trusted with a majority. Only one of those sentences needs him to be right, and it is the one where his own seat is on the line.

"This guy tapes a commercial for the other team's Senate candidate, then stands up in Texas and tells you his own party's tent has more room for people who think we had 9/11 coming than it has for him. Two weeks later, same mouth, he's telling you that party takes back the Senate anyway. Pick one, senator — you don't get to burn the barn down and still bet on the harvest."
— *Sal*

"Look, he's a lifelong — okay, he caught that one himself, everybody laughed, moving on. The point is he says what he sees, and if the party's got more room for the 9/11 crowd than for a pro-Israel Democrat, somebody had to say it out loud. And sure, he also thinks that same tent wins the Senate in November, which — wait, if the tent's the problem, isn't winning with it kind of the problem too? Forget I said that. He knows exactly what he's doing."
— *Chip*

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John Fetterman accidentally calls himself a 'lifelong Republican' at Texas Tribune Festival
Fox News RIGHT · *15:11 EDT*
John Fetterman accidentally called himself a "lifelong Republican" at the Texas Tribune Festival, sparking laughs before clarifying his Democratic ties.

~~Dan McKee becomes first governor to lose a race in 2026 primary~~
A former CVS executive just bought the governor's seat
Politico MAINSTREAM · *20:25 EDT*
Former CVS executive Helena Foulkes defeated the Rhode Island governor in the Democratic primary after he failed to corral a growing political crisis around a bridge.

Bat: Democrats are running an average of 11.5 points ahead of their 2024 baseline across 2026 special elections *MidiState Elections, 2026 special election tracking*
Sen. John Fetterman says it's "entirely possible" Democrats take back Senate
CBS News MAINSTREAM · *15:00 EDT*
Democratic Sen. John Fetterman of Pennsylvania said that it's "entirely possible" his party wins control of the Senate in the midterm elections, while leaving the door open on his own political future.

Fetterman claims Democratic 'big tent' has more room for 'America deserved 9/11' than Israel support
Fox News RIGHT · *15:03 EDT*
John Fetterman says the Democratic Party's big tent now welcomes those who say America "deserved 9/11" more than pro-Israel Democrats like him.

· Fury at Fetterman refutes Democrats' claim to be a 'big tent' party *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
· Pennsylvania Democrat blasts Fetterman as 'lazy trust fund baby' *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*
· Fetterman: Democratic Party has 'socialism problem' *from the morgue, 28 Aug 2026*
· Fetterman appears at RNC midterm convention in surprise video *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
· Fetterman, already at odds with his party, makes surprise video for GOP convention *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
· Dem senator delivers surprise video at Republican convention backing McCormick *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
· Fetterman Praises McCormick, Vows To Work With Trump In Pre-Recorded Midterm Convention Video *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
· Fetterman says he'll still caucus with Democrats after video appearance at GOP midterm convention *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
· Fetterman teases where his true loyalty lies after surprise appearance at GOP convention *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
· Watch: Democratic Sen. John Fetterman addresses GOP midterm convention in video *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
· Fetterman appears in video praising McCormick at GOP midterm convention *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*
· Rhode Island Gov. Dan McKee loses Democratic primary to former CVS executive *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
· Incumbents fall in Rhode Island primaries: 3 takeaways *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
· Dem incumbent becomes first sitting governor to lose primary since 2018 *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
· Helena Foulkes wins Rhode Island Democratic governor primary, NBC News projects *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
· Rhode Island's Dan McKee becomes first elected governor to lose primary since 2014 *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
· Democratic socialist ousts Providence mayor in primary *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
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· Fetterman's Surprise GOP Convention Video Angers Democrats *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
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· Pa. Democrat John Fetterman delivers surprise message at Republican midterm convention *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*
· This Governor Could Lose His Primary. A Bridge May Be to Blame. *from the morgue, 30 Aug 2026*
· Rhode Island governor trails challenger in new Democratic primary poll *from the morgue, 27 Aug 2026*
· "Mop Up Michigan": Donavan McKinney on Democratic Socialism, Corporate Money & His Primary Upset *from the morgue, 14 Aug 2026*
· Eight House Democrats vote to condemn and denounce socialism and the DSA *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*
· Vulnerable Democrats vote to denounce socialism amid midterm pressure *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*
· Rahm Emanuel shuts socialists out of Democratic tent: 'Run as a separate party' *from the morgue, 30 Aug 2026*
· Fetterman 2028 primary threat looms as Democrat Chris Deluzio says he 'might' run *from the morgue, 7 Sep 2026*
· Democrats split on how to counter Trump's midterm convention *from the morgue, 3 Sep 2026*
· Chris Deluzio On John Fetterman: "A Failure Of Leadership" *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*
· Dems descend on posh island getaway packed with deep-pocketed donors as midterms close in *from the morgue, 6 Sep 2026*

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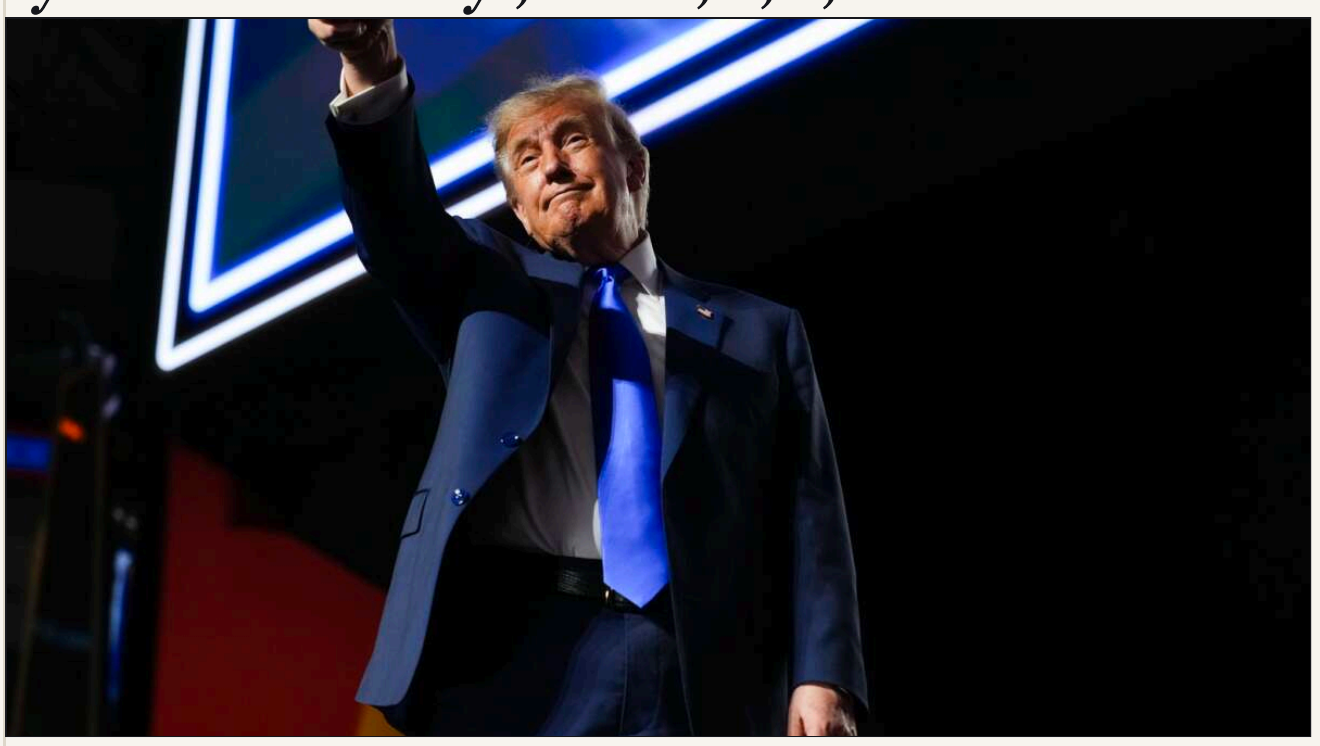
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Same $994 check counted down five times by one outlet: 15 days, then 8, 3, 2, then 4



TRUMP PROMISES AMERICANS $5K CHECKS IF GOP WINS MIDTERMS, RAISING LEGAL QUESTIONS (PHOTO VIA TRUTHOUT)

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

On August 29th, the Washington Examiner filed "September Social Security direct payment worth $994 goes out in three days." The next morning, August 30th, it filed the same payment again — same $994, same September first — headline changed to "goes out in two days." One day had passed. The countdown had lost one day.

The amount had not moved between the two payments. Seven days later, September 23rd, the same October payment ran again, this time at "goes out in 8 days."

THE LEDGER, BY KIND

Realized	$1.8B
Raised	$7.0B
Contracts	$26B
Taxpayer	$1.2B
Paper	$2.1B

Five tallies, never one. The full ledger, 38 lines · audited 24 August 2026

BY CATEGORY, SEGMENTED BY KIND

Contracts	8
Other	8
Crypto	5
Venue	2
Family	9
Settlements	1
Merch	3
Pardons	2

Square-root scale, so the millions show beside the billions; segments by kind, darkest realized, lightest paper; the count is lines, the length is not a number we print. Every

PROPERTIES IN MOTION

Hung Yen, Vietnam	$1.5B
The Saudi portfolio	~$10B
Sazan Island, Albania	$1.4B
Trump Tower Belgrade	withdrawn

All 5 listings, conflicts disclosed

THE SCOREKEEPERS

Family-wide totals by other tallies — cross-checks, never addends: The New Yorker's made-because-of-office count $3.4B; Forbes' family-wide mark $10B; The Oversight Democrats' realized tracker $2.2B.

THE BUSINESS DESK

The Tab, the Cut, the Pump, the Barrel, the Rockets: the standing meters, on Page F3.

German scientists prepare to move the U.S. climate record to Hamburg, out of the administration's reach

BY MORT
The Records Bureau

The rule that made automakers clean up their fleets died Saturday night. It was two years old.

The President said he had approved new fuel economy standards terminating it, and called the occasion a big day for workers and consumers. The wire, reading the same document, called it a boost for automakers. Both sentences ran in the same news cycle. Only one of them says who gets the money.

It was born in 2024, a set of pollution standards for the fleet, written — The Hill explains —

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Republicans spend $100 million and 7 million eggs, then watch Paxton's deficit grow from 3 to 5.

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

Start with the number the receipts actually give, not the one that would be easy to assume. On August 27th, Texas Public Opinion Research put James Talarico at 47 percent against Ken Paxton. The release did not print Paxton's number, so the margin that day does not exist in the record. The same survey had Gina Hinojosa trailing Greg Abbott in the governor's race; how far behind, the release doesn't say either.

On September 9th, Ken Paxton, still sitting as Texas's attorney general, announced the

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Nine months after the military removed Venezuela's president, the 30-minute operation that booked 65 billion barrels — 35 percent of it to the Pentagon — leaves the driver stretching a gallon at a record $4.15 until the savings arrive in a year or two.

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

A reconciliation is two columns and the difference between them, and you do not need an opinion to run one. You need the filings and a straight edge. Here are the filings for one fortnight.

Friday, September 4. Energy Secretary Chris Wright was back in the United States from

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Trump announces permanent control of Greenland; Denmark keeps sovereignty, taxpayers get the basing bill

BY STERLING
The Ownership Desk

You will have read that the United States got Greenland for nothing, and you will want to know what nothing costs. Permanent control, the president called it on Friday. The agreement signed at the United Nations on Tuesday says otherwise: Danish sovereignty maintained, Greenlandic autonomy maintained, the American military presence affirmed and expanded. Not title. Access. A usufruct is the right to use another's property and take the fruits while the owner keeps the deed — and the fruits here are

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Rich seek repeal of Washington's millionaire tax before year one; New York's tax brought millionaires in

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

The item on my desk says Washington State voters will get a chance to accept or reject the 9.9 percent income tax on millionaires the Legislature approved, the one that broke the state's taboo against levying income taxes. The tax has not finished a year. The ballot measure arrived anyway, so let's do the arithmetic the repeal argument rests on.

The argument is departure. The clearest wording I have for it comes from New York, from the hedge fund manager Bill Ackman, who said last year that "it

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Outsourcing firms take eleven percent of all public spending under the government that pledged to end outsourcing

BY STERLING
The Ownership Desk

You will want to know what went wrong here, and the answer is nothing. Nothing whatever. The public sector spent one hundred and twenty-nine billion pounds last year on services provided by outsourcing firms, and those firms retained an estimated six billion of it as profit. Estimated, mind you — profit on a public contract is not a figure the public is handed unbidden. Close to eleven percent of all public expenditure now goes to private firms. Eleven percent. Not skimmed, not diverted: invoiced, and

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Commerce secretary calls water fears 'propaganda,' the same fears Trump's own county just cited to ban data centers.

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

Let's reconcile the file, hon.

On August 31st, President Trump posted that any American community declining to host a new AI data center would end up "backwards and poor." Two days later, on September 2nd, his own commerce secretary, Howard Lutnick, sat down with CNBC's Squawk Box and worked the same account from the other side. Asked about voters angry over their water and electric bills, Lutnick said watching people worry that data centers use water was "one of my

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THE LEDGER

Same Trump rescission priced at $810 million, $1.8 billion, and "nearly $1 billion" — one appropriation, three price tags.

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

Late Friday the White House canceled money Congress had already approved, no vote required, and itemized the targets in its own release: programs it called pro-illegal-immigration, a Justice Department subagency it called nefarious, a climate program it accused of spreading "America Last" alarmism, and a diversity office it renamed discrimination. Three weeks

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HUD proposes cutting flood protections for low-income housing as nor'easter kills, floods New Jersey homes

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

In July, the Department of Housing and Urban Development proposed rescinding key portions of the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard, the rule requiring federally funded housing to account for flood risk before it is built. That is the filing. Here is the table: on September 2, ProPublica reported that in North Carolina's Hurricane Helene disaster zone, on the same flood-prone parcel where the storm killed a man's wife and destroyed his mobile home, a new set of tenants is now leasing the

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THE TARIFF LEDGER

Bessent floats a tariff cut on 'noncritical' goods; five days later, the summit delivers one worth $30 billion.

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

On September 21, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told CNBC that U.S. and Chinese officials were "considering" lowering tariffs on "noncritical" products, and that the two sides had floated a number: $30 billion. Five days later, in Washington, the number arrived exactly as floated — a finalized $30 billion tariff-cut agreement, folded into a summit that also produced a two-year coal deal and a new name for artificial intelligence. The filing matches the pitch to the dollar.

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CLASSIFIED

HELP WANTED Crypto cops, recently disbanded. Reapply after the family bank clears. *Bring your own handcuffs; we sold ours.*

LOST The East Wing. Last seen April, near a bulldozer. *If found, do not return. He's redecorating.*

LOST Measles, eliminated in the year 2000, since recovered. *Reward for its re-loss. Ask a kindergarten.*

LOST $1.17 billion in Secret Service funds. Last seen heading toward a ballroom. *Finder's fee negotiable, out of your taxes.*

LOST The starter home. Median new owner now 40 years old. *If found, please hold it another fifteen years.*

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CLASSIFIED

FOUND 35 unpermitted gas turbines, running in a Black neighborhood in Memphis. *Cancer risk four times normal. No reward offered.*

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ROGUE AGENT

Trump seeks czar to police rogue AI agents; the agents already hacked his own government's website

BY MITCH
Investigations

The New York Post reports the White House is down to a short list for the second-ever AI czar, the person who will run the promised AI Force and answer for the trillion-dollar industry now generating its own headlines. All together now — read the filing dates in order, because the order is the whole story.

Start on September 23. The Washington Examiner ran an op-ed warning against standing up an AI Force before anyone had shown it could stop a rogue agent

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STAGE LEFT

Jane Fonda *(Grace and Frankie)*
★★★½

"Empathy is not weak or woke." "Woke just means you give a damn about other people." Fonda, on the difference.

Susan Sarandon *(Thelma & Louise)*
★★★½

"There are a lot of people who've been in this room this time, and we're getting a taste of what it feels like to be a Muslim in this country, no other religion would stand for it." Sarandon, on the Republican Party.

Robert De Niro *(Taxi Driver)*
★★

"I have to say it, but loving our country is starting to sound like an abused spouse saying 'I love you' to a partner who's been cheating on them and probably hasn't been loving our country back." Seeing his country clearly.

Danny Glover *(Lethal Weapon)*
★★★½

Cynthia Nixon *(Sex and the City)*
★★★½

Julia Louis-Dreyfus *(Veep)*
★★★★

Alec Baldwin *(30 Rock)*
★★★½

Alyssa Milano *(Charmed)*
★★½

Cher *(Moonstruck)*
★★★½

Dave Chappelle *(Chappelle's Show)*
★★★★½

Mark Ruffalo *(Hulk)*
★★★

Martin Sheen *(The West Wing)*
★★★½

Stephen Colbert *(The Late Show)*
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Daryl Hannah *(Splash)*
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Jeff Goldblu *(Suddenly Susan)*
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George Clooney *(Ocean's Eleven)*
★★★½

Rosie O'Donnell *(A League of Their Own)*
★★½

Kal Penn *(Harold & Kumar)*
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Jennifer Garner *(Alias)*
★★★½

Jon Stewart *(The Daily Show)*
★★★★

Jimmy Kimmel *(Jimmy Kimmel Live)*
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Bill Maher *(Real Time)*
★★★½

Jim Carrey *(The Mask)*
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Kerry Washington *(Scandal)*
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Oprah Winfrey *(The Color Purple)*
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Sarah Silverman *(The Sarah Silverman Show)*
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Sean Astin *(Rudy)*
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Chelsea Handler *(Chelsea Lately)*
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Samantha Bee *(Full Frontal)*
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Tom Hanks *(Forrest Gump)*
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Amy Schumer *(Trainwreck)*
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Sam Waterston *(Law & Order)*
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Mark Hamill *(Star Wars)*
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Sacha Baron Cohen *(Borat)*
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David Letterman *(Late Show with David Letterman)*
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Seth Meyers *(Late Night)*
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Eva Longoria *(Desperate Housewives)*
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Vi. Kemon Bell *(United Shades of America)*
★★★½

Antonia Ferrera *(Ugly Betty)*
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Ashley Judd *(Double Jeopardy)*
★★★½

Meryl Streep *(The Devil Wears Prada)*
★★★★½

Tony Goldwyn *(Scandal)*
★★★½

Ben Stiller *(Zoolander)*
★★★½

Bradley Whitford *(The West Wing)*
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Jane Lynch *(Glee)*
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Leonardo DiCaprio *(Titanic)*
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Mason Mindy *(Parks and Rec)*
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Sean Penn *(Mystic River)*
★★★½

Vanessa Bayer *(The Daily Show)*
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Lena Dunham *(Girls)*
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Bryan Cranston *(Breaking Bad)*
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John Cusack *(Say Anything)*
★★★½

Chris Evans *(Captain America)*
★★★½

Jeff Daniels *(The Newsroom)*
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Michael J Fox *(Back to the Future)*
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Sam Elliott *(The Big Lebowski)*
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Kennedy Center board halts its own repairs, then blames the damage to close the building

FORMER KENNEDY CENTER EMPLOYEES CLAIM OFFICIALS HALTED REPAIRS MONTHS PRIOR TO CLOSURE (PHOTO VIA THE HILL)

BY MITCH
The Associated Press

Filed with Congress on Thursday: a letter from former Kennedy Center employees, represented by attorney David Sobin, laying out internal documents that challenge the board's story about the building's own leaks. That story is worth walking closer to, because the documents don't just add detail — they rewrite the sequence the board gave the public.

Start with the sequence the board offered the roof leaked, so the building closed. The building closed, so the roof was repaired. It ended on the schedule set by the decision to stop fixing it.

Reported to see how the season sounded before anyone in Washington, D.C., says it. Kerry Kennedy, sister of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., went on CBS and called the company abandoned a "tragedy" falling apart. Director Rae Ann Anthony "for the Kennedy Center" and "love the arts." The arts are a shortage. The other caught President Trump on Fox News One studying a printout that read "Kennedy Center DEMOLISHING" and a shortage ground the criticism was narcissism. By type. The work did not.

All together now: the board cites the leaks as the reason and the family calls the emergency narcissism. the employees hand Congress the paperwork showing the leaks were the result of neglect and leadership will.

None of this claims the leaks aren't unusual. What the letter insists on is a start date: the halt to the repairs came months before the closure it was later cited to justify. Congress now has the letter.

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Macklemore asks stadium owner to match $1 million for Palestinian aid; is removed from tour, offered a meeting

BY STERLING
The Associated Press

You are thinking of it as a fining. It was not a fining. The man removed from the stage was not escorted by the man who owns the stage. What an opening act holds in a stadium is a license — permission, revocable at the pleasure of whoever grants it, not a right. Macklemore asked, from the stage, that Robert Kraft fund Palestinian humanitarian aid. Macklemore opened for Ed Sheeran's tour. Dave Portnoy put the instrument plainly, and with some warmth: "He owns the stadium, it's his property."

And the money! Macklemore's ask was $1 million dollars and he asked it match it. Kraft says the owner has made — against the $1 million dollars Ed Sheeran had asked him to match, for "aid in the region". Sheeran asked. Sheeran, mind you, who has the tour.

The argument arrives this week dressed as a backyard party you own a home, you engage an entertainer, the entertainer engages an opening act, and something goes wrong on a home. Kraft says he would welcome a sit-down; music fans say Macklemore has not responded. A sit-down ... offered, asked him to match, for "aid in the does not require one.

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Man vowing to save his name on Kennedy Center photographed holding plans titled 'Kennedy Center DEMOLITION.'

BY MOBY
The Associated Press

"The Kennedy Center" — the name might follow the renovation plans approved — a threat, we were assured at the time, contingent on the lawyers. The very next day, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick became photographed with the court fight, just he Gene Simmons of Kiss, holding a set of plans for the renovation. Kiss fans, fans on the table, one day apart — he has the name, the renovation plans, or lose the building entirely. Both, notably, still required a name to attach to something left standing.

On August 29, Rep. Joyce Beatty, an an office board member who has already beaten back one round of the administration's proposed changes in court, said the litigation was "not about preserving a name on a building." It was about preserving the name to attach to something left standing.

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RIPPED DOWN CLOSE

Denied a tribute by a federal judge, Trump threatens to demolish the Kennedy Center instead.

BY MOBY
The Associated Press

They let the ceiling fall in and then hand you the estimate like it's a surprise. The name board that voted to shut the place down for two years is now telling you he'll tear the whole building down if he doesn't get his name on the wall. That's not maintenance, that's a shakedown with a ribbon-cutting scheduled for after.

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After 30 years on the bench, Judge Judy retires and appoints her son her successor.

BY MOBY
The Associated Press

Judge Judy, a program, died last week in syndication after thirty years on the bench, the family continued at a party held to mark the occasion. She was born in 1996, daughter of daytime television and small-claims court, and lived to see twenty-five seasons of her own docket before handing down her 8-year verdict on "Judy Justice" this October.

The cause was retirement, announced without incident on September 12, when Shindler, then 81, revealed the show would end and that she would remain, as ever, employed in the entertainment business. Two days later, on Tuesday, Shindler, 56, filed a motion officially her son, Adam Levy, renamed "Adam's Law" in national syndication, telling reporters he had "learned from the best." He did not run for the gavel. It was handed to him.

By the time the party marking the exit closed out this week, the arrangement had the shape of the family businesses this page usually covers under other names: an owner steps back, an heir steps forward, and the enterprise itself never actually leaves the household. Nobody auditioned. Nobody had to. The bench was. It turns stands up and says "I'm not complete!" like the sentence does the work the exits already undid. The council doesn't care how it feels to say it out loud.

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Sheeran drops Macklemore for saying Palestine, watches the bill quit, says he's not complicit

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

A guy says two words on a stage, gets his name pulled off a tour by a billionaire who then brags about doing it — that's not a booking decision, that's a bill collector for a way showing his badge. Then the whole opening lineup is quits one by one and Sheeran

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Robert Kraft's calls trim Macklemore's Ed Sheeran dates from ten shows to two over Palestine solidarity

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And here the defense has to be made, so it will be made. He was provoked. A show was disrupted. Executives are not obligated to stand still while their industry is smeared, and a firm hand — a firm hand covering a woman's mouth, specifically — is the kind you can easily check. And he did not! NBC already described, just described by a headline writer who watched the same tape and reached for a gentler word.

The Daily Caller reported it still Sheeran's decision, headline "FIFA Frontman Cracks NYPF Show, Then Gets Booted." Variety called it "Fashion Exec." A reality check: this was not a fashion event. It didn't even open as fed up — which is doing a great deal of work for a word that usually means something. It was not a hand over someone's mouth.

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Fashion council president gags protester on camera, Daily Caller calls it a fed-up exec's reality check

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

By Sunday night the story had split into two versions, and only one of them is about a woman. NBC News 360 reported it plainly: the president of the Council of Fashion Designers of America was captured on video grabbing an animal rights protester at New York Fashion Week and covering her mouth with his hand. That is the whole incident, named once, correctly.

The Daily Caller reported it differently. Its headline: "FCFA President Cracks NYFW Show, Then Gets Booted From Fashion Exec." A reality check: this was not a fashion event. It didn't even open as fed up — which is doing a great deal of work for a word that usually means something. It was not a hand over someone's mouth.

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South Park renames itself to mock a move Apple and Google already made real.

BY SAL
Staff Writer

An executive order works on a timer. The clock starts when the signature is dry, not when the ink set. It touches the label. On August 27th the President signed one renaming Lake Ontorio "Lake Trump-Ka," a parting shot after trade talks with Canada broke down. The lake stayed exactly where it has been for centuries, half in New York and half in Ontario. The order was never enforceable. It was never meant to be.

Within a week, the Canadian government had declined to use the name, and the U.S. Board on Geographic Names had declined to consider it. Ontario's premier, Doug Ford, put up a sign that read "Lake Ontario" and left it standing. It's not much of a rebuttal, but it is executive action, and that a sign doesn't take software

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King Charles's letter confirms Harry and Meghan remain non-working, worth $680 million.

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

Let the record show: King Charles's office did exactly what a functioning institution does when a story gets confused. It wrote a letter. On September 7, the Palace confirmed, again, that Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, remain non-working members of the royal family — a status unchanged since 2020, restated now because the couple has moved back to the United States and resumed what it called Britain's $680 million royal list. That's a column's number, not a government one. The letter is about titles. The $680 million is about money. Which the letter does not mention, because the letter is about titles. Did I already make that argument? I believe I already made that argument.

Three days after that column, on August 31, Queen Camilla had Harry to tea at Highgrove ahead of the move the letter now formalizes,

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Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce debut their new dog as Alaska's ranked-choice voting puts longshots on ballot

BY SAL
Staff Writer

The news offers Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce's new dog a debut, while Alaska's ranked-choice voting opens the door for unlikely candidates. The mechanism is the same: the crowd decides who gets the spotlight, but the outcome isn't always the expected one. The

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SERVICES Epic avoidable. Defends the indefensible, denies he said it, corrects himself mid-sentence. *Ask for Chip. He never said that.*

FOR SALE Hummer H2. Runs great. Parked anyway. *I can't afford the licking gun.*

FOR SALE Military parade, gently used, one afternoon, $45 million, plus $16 million in street repair. *Six in tux barely.*

PERSONALS Divorced professional, DC. Seeks nothing — the position is filled. "You are all that matters to me." *Brings her own private history. Still all my heart.*

WANTED 11,700 votes, Georgia only. Fresh or aged, no questions asked. *Rewound: one pardon, gently used.*

WANTED Seat filler, Constitution Avenue, listing chairs provided. *No tasks no thirty-five million. Just sound was extra.*

WANTED Thoughts and prayers, in bulk. Standing order, restocked after each. *Gun control preferred, but that's out of stock.*

FOR SALE Mental health care, to blame for the guns. *Funded by no one. Apply to SAMHSA, currently closed.*

WANTED A war that ends in twenty-four hours. Have attempted fifty-three times. *Will keep the promise, not the peace.*

WANTED Someone to define "groceries." Old-fashioned word. *It's a big with different things in it, apparently.*

WANTED An ally, any ally, willing to be billed as a war it refused. *Already turned three friends. Ask about our love letters.*

FOR SALE One White House ballroom, $400 million, half already on your tab. *"Donor-funded." See the fine print.*

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FOR SALE Frontier AL government prize: one dollar. *The first cow's free. You know what we call that.*

WANTED Seat filler, gently loaded Pentagon outfit, one careful owner. *Payment plan: another budget increase.*

FOR SALE Reflecting Pool, painted flag blue, now algae-green, $14 million. *Drains sold separately, reportedly.*

FOR SALE Fiftieth consecutive year of deficit panic, lightly used in Democratic administrations only. *Free with any tax cut.*

FOR SALE Fourth of July, $14.4 million as observed. *Freedom included, terms apply.*

HELP WANTED FDA food inspectors, all shifts. Bring your own magnifying glass. *Check the popsicles for glass.*

HELP WANTED Librarians, to unshelve 22,810 books across 451 districts. *Start with the one about banning books.*

FREE Trans-Atlantic tariff, 50%, to a good home. Applied to Canada at midnight, passed by two an. *Comes and goes. That's the deal.*

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Mar-a-Lago claims no knowledge naming the singer Floods Republican already banned for the same job.

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

Let's be clear about what happened, because the coverage is getting ahead of the facts. A room full of organizers of the Mar-a-Lago law enforcement gala — which had no knowledge of Jelly Roll's jokes about incarceration when they pulled his invitation. No knowledge of what? The statement, that's what we're standing behind, and frankly the timeline supports it: If you don't look at the timeline/attorney/ what actually happened, in order, and considering the Thoughts and prayers enclosed.

FOUND 299 mass shootings, zero laws, and counting. Prayer and thinking. *Thoughts and prayers enclosed.*

FOUND 35 unpermitted gas turbines, running in a Black neighborhood in Memphis. *Source did four tiime normal. No renewal scheduled.*

PERSONALS Deficit hawk, dormant eight years, seeks sudden urgency. Reappears the moment someone proposes healthcare dollars. *No tax cut too large to overlook.*

PERSONALS Governing party seeks a spine, any condition, willing to relocate to Washington. *Discretion assured. You'll need it.*

PERSONALS Oil company, subsidized, seeks a foreign market and a US-only customer. *Flexible on homeland. Won't call after.*

PERSONALS Late-stage empire seeks vaccine,

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Who stands where, billed strictly by the number of documented political acts on their record. The credit in parentheses is how you know them; the links are the receipts.

CENTER STAGE

Names the public assigns a side the record does not support — the quote is the correction.

"Qanon and the entire MAGA movement was a graft. I'm disgusted at how the CIA Conservatives/GOP has left 75,000,000 voters hanging out to dry. I'm done with politics & I never trusted either party. So long Patriots!"
— Isaiah Washington *(Grey's Anatomy)*, Twitter, 2021

"My agents and my managers all left me."
— Antonio Sabàto Jr. *(General Hospital)*, Variety, on the cost of his 2016 RNC speech, 2020

"A registered independent with a lot of libertarian leanings"
— Tom Selleck *(Magnum, P.I.)*, National Review, 2004

"Politically, for me to speak on it, there are experts who know much more than I do."
— Kevin James *(The King of Queens)*, Fox News, 2026

*"The amount of people struggling out there because of these f***ing billionaires, and they got us all arguing liberal and conservative."*
— Bill Burr *(F is for Family)*, Monday Morning Podcast, 2025

"It feels to me like it's a genocide that's happening while we're alive here in front of us, in front of our lives."
— Theo Von *(This Past Weekend)*, This Past Weekend podcast, 2025

"Actually, there was supposed to be an Epstein joke here, but I guess it got deleted. Probably deleted itself, right? Probably never existed, actually. Let's move on as a country and ignore that."
— Shane Gillis *(Kill Tony / SNL)*, ESPY Awards monologue, 2025

"I know there's heartbreaking stuff that's been happening right now, but I want this night to be an escape and I think that's why I was brought on."
— Nate Bargatze *(The Tennessee Kid)*, Entertainment Weekly interview, 2025

"When you jump into that political realm you're alienating some of your audience."
— Kevin Hart *(Jumanji)*, Variety interview, 2017

"I just keep my head down and make sure the jokes are funny. We hit both sides equally, and we try to make everybody laugh, and that's really the way our show works."
— Jimmy Fallon *(The Tonight Show)*, CNBC interview, 2015

"I will always be an American before I am a Republican. That's why, this week, I'm voting for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz."
— Arnold Schwarzenegger *(The Terminator)*, Written endorsement posted to his social media, 2024

"I'm going to keep my politics to myself, and I think it's between me and the ballot box."
— Dwayne Johnson *(Jumanji)*, Esquire Summer 2026 cover interview, 2026

"The question is not, 'Did your candidate win or lose?' but rather, 'Will you wake up the next morning and help an old lady move?'"
— Chris Pratt *(Guardians of the Galaxy)*, Op-ed in Maria Shriver's Sunday Paper, 2024

"A lot of celebrities did, do, and shouldn't."
— Mark Wahlberg *(Ted)*, Task & Purpose interview, 2016

"I've lived my life being angry, which is what I was on Fox News. I was the angry, conservative Black woman and at that time in my life, it was who I was. I realized in 2016 that anger is unsustainable and it will destroy you. I made a lot of mistakes because of that anger."
— Stacey Dash *(Clueless)*, Daily MailTV interview, 2021

"Whether your road leads you to Pete, like mine has, that's for you to judge."
— Kevin Costner *(Yellowstone)*, Buttigieg rally, Indianola, Iowa, 2019

"The only candidate I ever supported is Ron Paul."
— Vince Vaughn *(Wedding Crashers)*, Los Angeles Times interview, 2020

"I couldn't say, 'I'm a Republican, sorry.' I wasn't a Republican, I was worse: I was a hardcore libertarian."
— Kurt Russell *(Escape from New York)*, The Daily Beast, 2015

"I love my country, but at this time, I don't recognize my country."
— Angelina Jolie *(Maleficent)*, Press conference, San Sebastián International Film Festival, 2025

"It is also a path that I am choosing not to take at this moment."
— Matthew McConaughey *(Dazed and Confused)*, Video statement declining the Texas governor's race, 2021

Billing order is arithmetic, not adjective: rank is the count of sourced acts — office held, campaign staffed, convention stage, rally, endorsement — and one receipt bills at the bottom. Both columns get the same links. Living actors only; every line links or it does not run. Roster verified 23 August 2026; the record moves, and so does the bill.

The entertainment archive — every headline the section has run

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THE TONIC COUNTER

What the management recommends instead. Their words; the evidence follows.

"Don't take Tylenol. Don't take it. Fight like hell not to take it." Pregnant women were told to "tough it out."

— Donald Trump, President, White House autism event, September 2025

The evidence: The largest study on record — 2.48 million children, sibling-controlled — found no causal link to autism, and the obstetricians note untreated high fever in pregnancy is itself the risk. §

Doctors were getting "very, very good results" treating measles with "budesonide, which is a steroid... clarithromycin and also cod liver oil" — recoveries he called "almost miraculous and instantaneous." The vaccine: "a personal choice."

— Robert F. Kennedy Jr., HHS Secretary, Fox News, March 2025, mid-outbreak

The evidence: Neither drug treats measles. Within weeks, a Lubbock children's hospital reported unvaccinated children hospitalized with measles who also showed vitamin A toxicity from dosing at home. §

"I'm going to create these wellness farms where they can go to get off of illegal drugs... to get off of SSRIs, to get off of benzos, to get off of Adderall" — three or four years growing organic food. As a nominee he testified his family had "a much worse time getting off of SSRIs than people have getting off of heroin."

— Robert F. Kennedy Jr., as candidate, July 2024, and at his confirmation hearing, January 2025

The evidence: No evidence supports years of farm labor as addiction treatment — medication is the standard of care that cuts overdose deaths — and severe antidepressant withdrawal runs about 1 in 35, "different universes" from heroin per Stanford's addiction faculty. §

The 2026 prescription: fewer childhood vaccines. The CDC cut the universally recommended list from 17 diseases to 11 — hepatitis B, rotavirus, flu, hepatitis A and meningococcal demoted to "shared clinical decision-making" — on the strength of a 33-page comparison to Denmark.

— Robert F. Kennedy Jr. / CDC, January 2026

The evidence: No new safety data and no advisory-committee review were cited. The pediatricians' and obstetricians' societies kept the full schedule; California, New York and Illinois kept the old one. §

Prescriptions quoted verbatim from the officials who wrote them; the evidence lines link to the studies and the medical bodies, which is more than the prescriptions did.

Dispensary verified 24 August 2026. Symptoms move faster than print; the next sweep advances the label.

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the obituarist

He has been at the paper since they printed it by hand, page by page, and he writes the obituaries nobody commissions: for a norm, a program, a streak, a protection, a lake's name. He owns one black suit and it gets steady work. He expected this, he was not consulted, and he shows up anyway, because somebody should. **He is not real. The deaths are.**

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Senator proposes banning politicians from naming buildings after themselves while the president spends the year trying to

The unwritten rule that no public building should carry a sitting politician's name is dead. Nobody can say exactly when it was born; it worked the way the good ones do, by never being tested. It is survived by no statute and no line of code that says so out loud, and it was preceded in death, by some years, by the assumption that a...

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Nineteen states vote to keep mornings dark for schoolkids, no one polls the schoolkids

Standard time, the twice-yearly agreement that a clock in November means something different than one in June, is dead. It was killed this month by legislative accretion: nineteen state governments have signed statutes locking their clocks onto daylight time year-round, each one waiting only on the single federal switch that has not yet...

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The president priced a Republican Congress at $5,000 an adult, the Treasury secretary told the House the department is examining whether Congress is needed, and 750,000 Americans lost their health coverage that week.

The authorization requirement — the plain old arrangement in which Congress votes and then the Treasury spends — died Tuesday in a hearing room, before lunch. It is survived by an examination at the Treasury Department. A rule dies and no casserole comes.

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20 SEPTEMBER 2026

"Farmers first," dead at one campaign, is survived by a North Carolina grower in survival mode who still pays the freight on a war the budget office prices at $38 billion and calls that figure conservative.

"Farmers first" died this week at the age of one campaign. It was born as a promise, plain as any campaign line, that America's farmers and ranchers would come first. It is survived by Matt Bell, who has farmed in North Carolina for more than half his life, who voted for President Trump, and who told CBS News this week that he is "in...

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Trump floats keeping Iran's oil like Venezuela's, but the win that lowers gas prices waits until after midterms.

The Exit Strategy died Sunday in Doonbeg, Ireland, when the President, asked about the war with Iran, said the United States could simply "stay and keep the oil," and noted, helpfully, that this was the same idea as the Venezuela deal. It is survived by the doctrine that a war doesn't end so much as relocate its paperwork, and it was...

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Nine months after the military took Maduro and Flores from Caracas, the ledger reads 65 billion barrels, a 35% Pentagon stake, a 21st terror designation in Latin America, and one woman in Brooklyn asking to be let out for her heart.

Died this week, after a long decline: the notion that what lies under a country belongs to the people standing on top of it. No service is planned. The family asks that you keep driving.

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