

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

BY LOU

One More Question

I wrote down everything that came across the wire on Thursday the seven-teenth. Just that one day. In order, the way it reached me, and then I'll stop.

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 lawmakers 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 "reasonable grounds" 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 CBS that 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?"

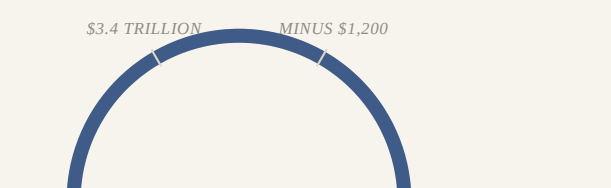
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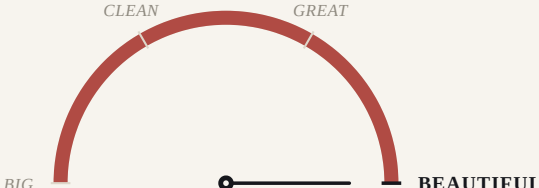
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Nine months after the military removed Venezuela's president, the 30-minute operation that booked 65 billion barrels — 35 percent of it to the Pentagon — leaves the driver stretching a gallon at a record \$4.15 until the savings arrive in a year or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

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

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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

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.

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"Every story up there comes with a receipt and a press release, and the two never agree. I stopped reading the press release. Saved me a whole newspaper."

— Sal

"I've read the receipts. They're real. I want to be clear that being real is not the same as being relevant."

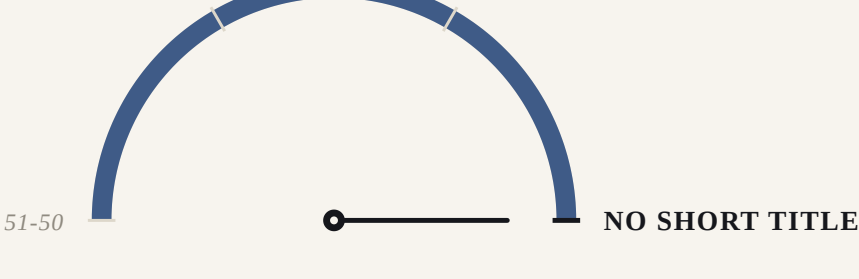
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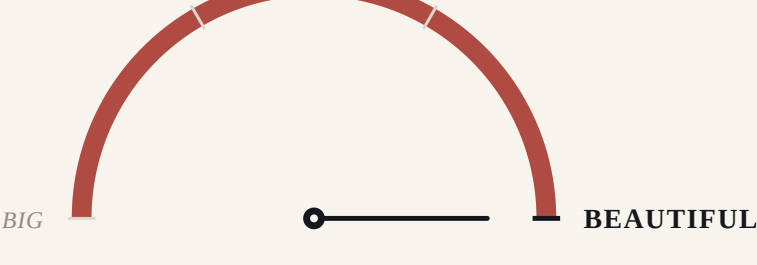
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What stayed in, by the Congressional Budget Office's final count: \$3.4 trillion added to deficits from 2025 through 2034, and 10 million more people uninsured in 2034 ². Its distributional analysis found the lowest tenth of households losing about \$1,200 a year, 3.1 percent of income, while the top tenth gains about \$13,600 ³. And the clean coal: on Lazard's latest cost tables coal runs \$72 to \$177 a megawatt-hour against \$40 to \$98 for utility solar, and coal-mining employment went from 40,500 in January 2025 to 38,100 in August 2026 ^{4,5}. Beautiful was the one word the Senate removed.

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It is his favorite adjective, and he put it on the paperwork. The reconciliation bill went to the Senate as the One Big Beautiful Bill, passed there 51 to 50 on July 1, and was signed on July 4, 2025 ¹. His April 2025 order on coal is titled "Reinvigorating America's Beautiful Clean Coal Industry" ².

The argument for the adjective is the argument for the bill as its backers made it: that one package moving taxes, the border and spending together beats a dozen separate fights, and that a president who believes the package is good for the country is entitled to name it that way. What the word promised is on this side. What the Senate did to the word, and what the Congressional Budget Office found inside the law, is on the other.

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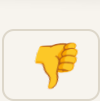
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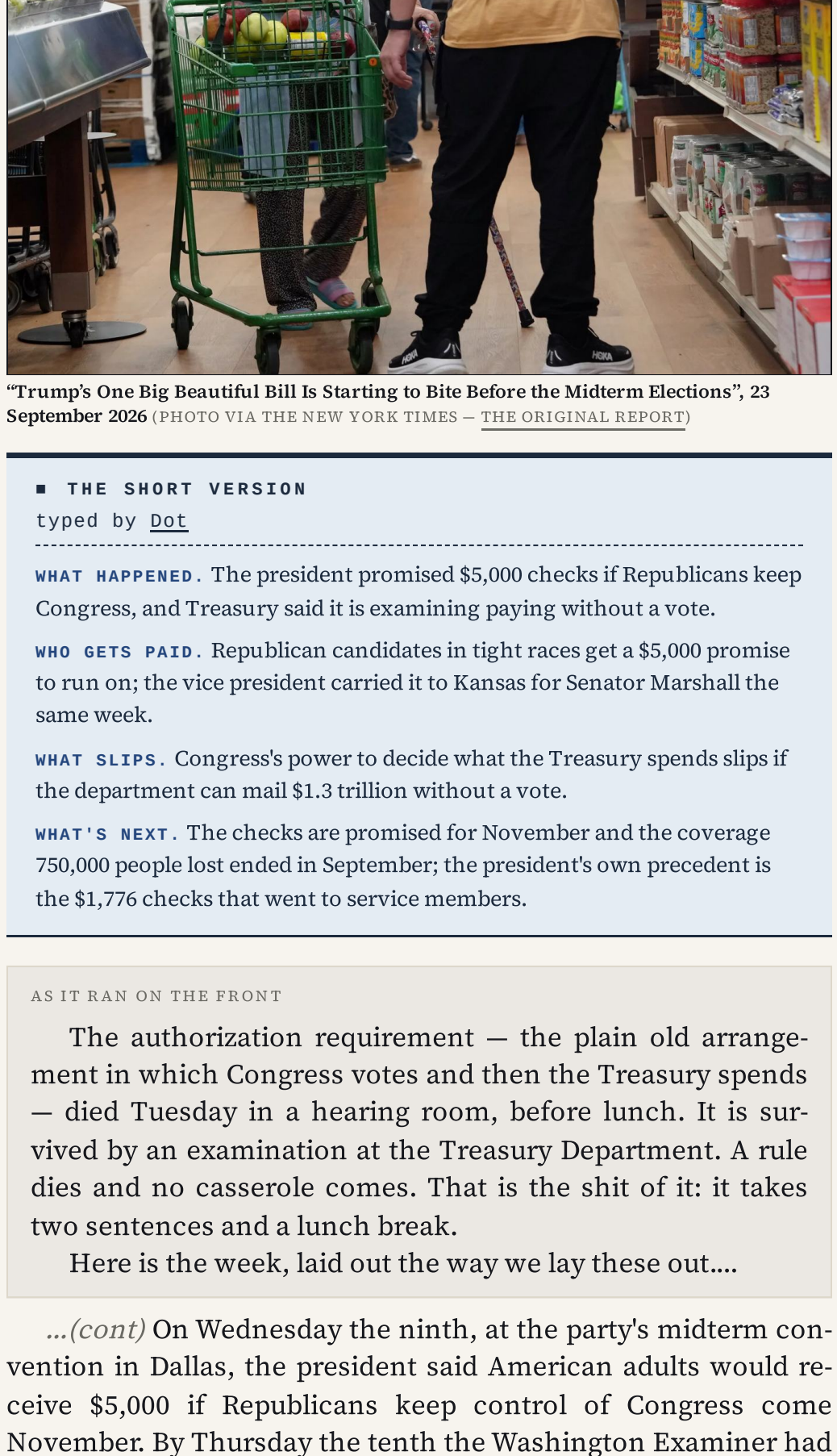
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THE RECORDS BUREAU



"Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Is Starting to Bite Before the Midterm Elections", 23 September 2026 (PHOTO VIA THE NEW YORK TIMES — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

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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 it to Kansas for Senator Marshall the same week.

WHAT SLIPS. Congress's power to decide what the Treasury spends slips 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.

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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 Air Force One: the checks will "happen 100 percent" if the GOP keeps its majority. That same Monday, National Review called the dividend 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, whose race the Cook Political Report rates likely Republican.

Six days of arguing about the price. That part is penny-ante.

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 whippersnapper 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. When is it a warning sign?

CBS News | MAINSTREAM | 09:15 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 | MAINSTREAM | 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 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 | 13:39 EDT

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

~~Picking and Unacceptable: Anger Mounts as Trump and Vance Gleeefully Rip Healthcare From 750,000~~

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

Common Dreams | 10:44 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 were "fraudulently" enrolled, a claim that drew deep skepticism from health policy experts and advocates. Cynthia Cox, senior vice president at IKFF, said fraud...

Ansarallah 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 | 10:34 EDT

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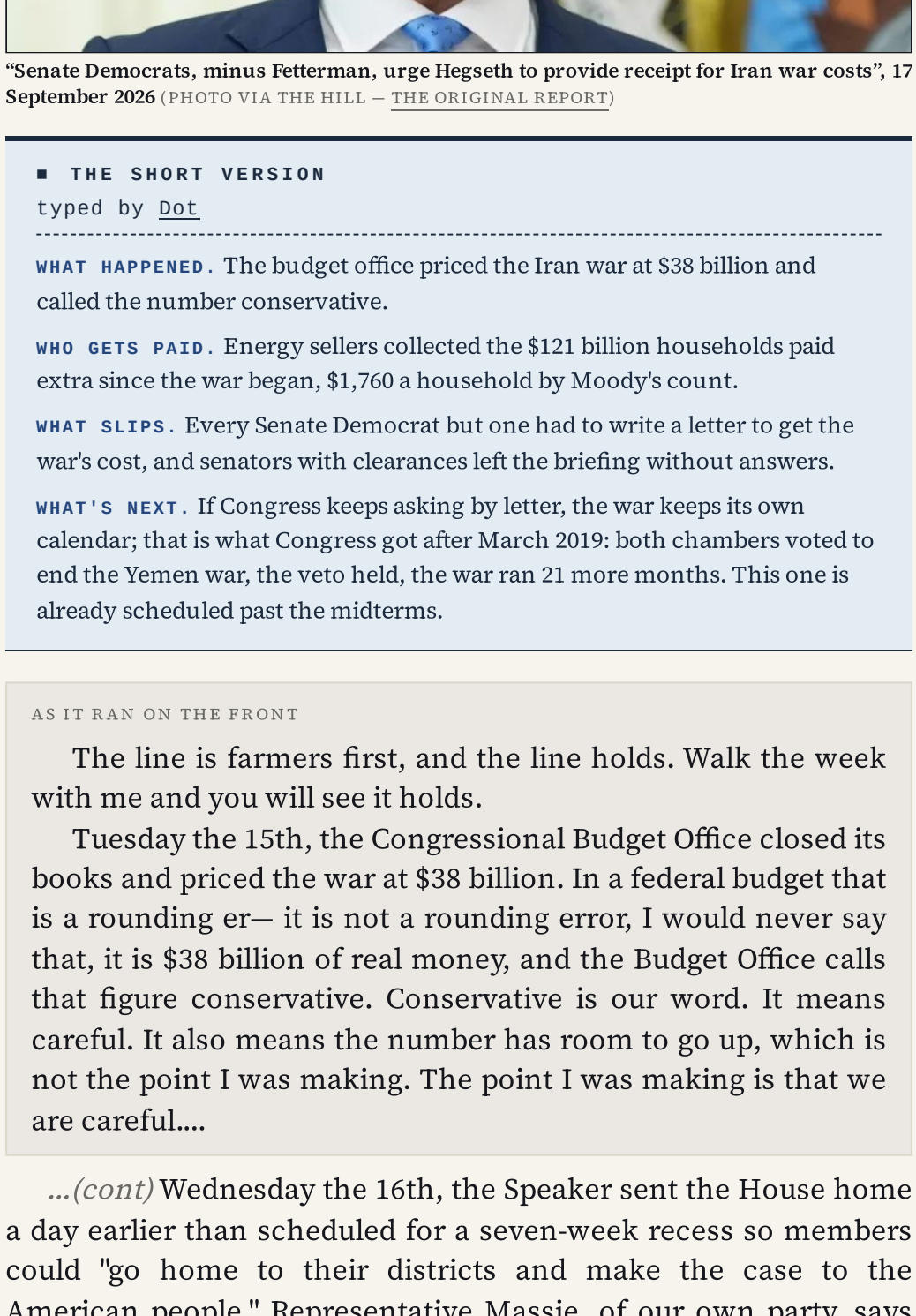
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"Senate Democrats, minus Fetterman, urge Hegseth to provide receipt for Iran war costs", 17 September 2026 (PHOTO VIA THE HILL – THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

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WHO GETS PAID. Energy sellers collected the \$121 billion households paid extra since the war began, \$1,760 a household by Moody's count.
WHAT SLIPS. 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 asking by letter, the war keeps its own calendar; that is what Congress got after March 2019: both chambers voted to end the Yemen war, the veto held, the war ran 21 more months. This one is already scheduled past the midterms.

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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 er— 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 has room to go up, which is not the point I was making. The point I was making is that we are careful...

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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 Iran shut commercial shipping traffic in the Strait of Hormuz in response to our strikes, which is context, and context is not causation, and I would appreciate it if you cut the second half of that clause.

Also Thursday, the U.N. 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 Fetterman signed an open letter to Secretary Hegseth pressing him for a cost breakdown of the war. The Hill called it largely symbolic and said 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 Iran 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 CBS News that farmers are "all just in survival mode," that they were "sold a bill of goods," and that "I can't stay in business." Friday, Senator Tillis, who voted to confirm the Secretary, said: "He needs to go." Costco has capped motor oil purchases.

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

THE RECEIPTS

But: 'The Pentagon has failed its audit eight years running - the only major federal agency never to pass one' *Military Times, 19 December 2025*

Senate Democrats, minus Fetterman, urge Hegseth to provide receipt for Iran war costs

The Hill | MAINSTREAM | 18:03 EDT

All of the Democrats in the Senate — excluding Pennsylvania Sen. John Fetterman — 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...

~~US Energy Consumers Have Spent \$121 Billion Extra Since Trump Launched Iran War - Moody's~~

\$1,760 for it.

Common Dreams | 13:36 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 Trump launched without congressional...

Farmer who voted for Trump says farmers are "all just in survival mode"

CBS News | MAINSTREAM | 23:45 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."

~~UN Inquiry Finds US Strike on Minab, Iran, That Killed 128 Children Was War Crime~~

UN: US knowingly bombed civilian sites in Iran, killing 123 children

Truthout | 15:50 EDT

The US targeted "clearly identifiable" civilian sites in Minab and Lamerd, killing over 100 children, the UN found.

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

CBS News | MAINSTREAM | 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.

~~Massie says he's convinced enough Republicans to pass Epstein Files II discharge petition~~

Republican leaders sent Congress home for seven weeks. Massie says he already has the votes for an Epstein files vote.

Washington Examiner | RIGHT | 20:19 EDT

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) sent lawmakers home for a seven-week recess ahead of the midterm elections.

Massie Moves to Force Impeachment Vote Against Hegseth, Citing Civilian Deaths

Truthout | 15:48 EDT

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

~~Trump Says 'Big Decision Coming on Whether to Annihilate Iran'~~

UN finds 'reasonable grounds' US already committed war crimes in Iran, killing 120 children

Common Dreams | 23:01 EDT

President Donald Trump on Thursday said he is weighing whether or not to "annihilate" Iran in a renewed effort to end the illegal 201-day US-Israeli war of choice, musings that came on the heels of a report by United Nations experts who said the United States likely committed war crimes during earlier attacks on the Middle East nation....

~~Did Johnson Just Adjourn Congress for 7 Weeks to Avoid Massie's Impeachment Articles Against Hegseth?~~

Johnson adjourned Congress a day after Massie filed impeachment articles saying Hegseth's strikes killed 150 children in Iran

Common Dreams | 15:27 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...

But: 'The Pentagon has failed its audit eight years running - the only major federal agency never to pass one' *Military Times, 19 December 2025*

Pentagon No. 3 frustrates senators in closed-door briefing on Iran war, Trump defense strategy

The Hill | MAINSTREAM | 18:06 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...

Farmer who voted for Trump says "I can't stay in business" amid rising costs

CBS News | MAINSTREAM | 23:34 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.

~~UN Suspects US War Crimes in Iran~~

US airstrikes killed at least 178 civilians in Iran, UN mission finds — and calls it war crimes

Novara Media | 15:21 EDT

A UN fact-finding mission has reported that two US airstrikes which killed at least 178 civilians in Iran constitute war crimes. Plus: Andy Burnham says he is "determined" to hit net zero by 2050, Sweden's left-of-centre coalition wins the general election, Netanyahu is pushing to strip IDF critics of their citizenship, and the...

But: 'The Pentagon has failed its audit eight years running - the only major federal agency never to pass one' *Military Times, 19 December 2025*

Tillis supports Hegseth interim resolution: 'He needs to go'

The Hill | MAINSTREAM | 22:33 EDT

Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), who voted to confirm Defense 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 | 17:27 EDT

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

~~Fossil Fuel Industry Contracts Hit Record High as Big Oil Pockets Billions From Iran War~~

Shell, BP and Saudi Aramco's record profits from the Iran war fund the industry's record PR blitz, says Clean Creatives

Common Dreams | 16:45 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 these gains into propaganda. A report published by Clean Creatives on Wednesday reveals that fossil fuel firms across the world have "engaged 802 advertising and PR...

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• Trump admits Iran war will not end before midterms *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*

• Iran War Trump Said Would Be Quick Has Now Lasted 6 Months With 'No End In Sight' *from the morgue, 28 Aug 2026*

• CBO Finds Trump's Iran War Has Already Cost Nearly \$40 Billion—And That's a 'Conservative' Estimate *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

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• Massie launches effort to impeach Hegseth *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

• Tillis urges Trump to fire Hegseth over 'inept management' of military *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*

• Tillis renews calls for Hegseth's firing after Driscoll's departure: 'I have never witnessed more inept management' *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*

• Massie names Epstein 'coconspirators,' discusses new Epstein files legislation *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*

• Read Thomas Massie's eight impeachment charges against Pete Hegseth *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

• Fake Republican midterm convention site still redirects to Epstein files *from the morgue, 7 Sep 2026*

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• 'A Serious and Alarming Threat': US Bombing, Blockade Deepen Iran Medical Crisis *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*

• Consumer Confidence Hits Lowest Level in Months as US Faces 'Trump's Reckless Tariffs and War With Iran' *from the morgue, 25 Aug 2026*

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• Former Air Force secretary says he 'couldn't serve' in Trump administration *from the morgue, 6 Sep 2026*

• Former Air Force secretary: Hegseth's Pentagon 'dysfunctional' *from the morgue, 3 Sep 2026*

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• 'Trump Did It!': At \$5.85 a Gallon, Diesel Price Hits All-Time High in US Thanks to War on Iran *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*

• Gas prices reach Labor Day high amid Iran war *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*

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• Hegseth Quietly Extends Middle East Troop Deployments Into 2027 as Iran War Drags On *from the morgue, 3 Sep 2026*

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• 'Can't Message That Away': GOP Frets as Trump Administration Desperately Spins Record-High Diesel Prices *from the morgue, 5 Sep 2026*

• European Union member states agree to a natural gas price cap in an attempt to limit economic damage from the global energy crisis. The price cap can be triggered beginning on February 15, if for three *from the morgue, 19 Dec 2022*

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Republicans told to blame 'chief enemies' Muslim Democrats, assigned instead to defend ICE's own confused arrest memo

By CHIP
STAFF WRITER



“Trump reaffirms ICE arrest policy after confusing guidance sparks alarm among agents”, 27 September 2026 (PHOTO VIA FOX NEWS — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION

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WHAT HAPPENED. Internal ICE guidance on who qualifies for arrest confused agents, so the White House said anyone here illegally stays "on the table."

WHO GETS PAID. The receipts name no buyer yet.

WHAT SLIPS. The public's ability to know one clear, consistent arrest rule from its own government slips, since the agency had to correct that rule in public in the middle of running it.

WHAT'S NEXT. The next test is not a court date or a hearing, it is the ballot box this fall, when Republican candidates in Kansas, Texas and Florida answer for the raids themselves instead of the "chief enemies" line their own convention gave them to run on.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

Start with the discipline, because there was plenty of it. On 30 August, the administration sanctioned the Italy-based Autistici Inventati Collective as a "Specially Designated Global Terrorist," wire coverage describing it as a leftist network that had operated in plain sight for years — the kind of enforcement a serious administration can point to without flinching. Whether that arrest count is the same claim as the "over 2,000" deportations running beside it in the same release is a separate question, and the release does not settle it.

Three days after that, the convention's pitch had its headline: Republicans cast Muslim Democrats as the party's "chief enemies," a midterm framing built to give candidates something to run on besides the raids themselves. Candidates would talk about chief enemies. They would not need to talk about ICE....

...(cont) Then came this week's correction, and it is nothing more than that: a clarification — call it a walk-back, if you want the plainer word for it — of internal ICE guidance so confusing it reached the agents doing the arresting and left them alarmed. The instruction, once fixed, reads simply enough: anyone in the country illegally remains "on the table" for arrest and deportation. That is policy working as intended. That is also, if the sequence gets told straight, an agency correcting a memo it wrote and could not itself read the same way twice — in public, mid-crackdown, the same week its own agents needed the fix explained to them.

It lands on a bad week to need explaining. Battleground Republicans in Kansas, Texas and Florida are fielding questions about the raids directly, on their own account, not about chief enemies — which means the convention's script did not survive contact with the midterms it was written for. The sanctioned server was real. The arrest count was real. The confusion agents raised alarm over was real too, and candidates this week are stuck defending that instead of the script they were handed.

Candidates this week are defending one word from that memo, on its own, with no chief enemies standing in front of it. The word is anyone.



“They can't even keep their own arrest memo straight, and they still want you distracted by "chief enemies" instead of asking who's actually getting picked up. The confusion isn't a filing error, it's the tell — nobody in that building can say who qualifies until agents start calling it in alarmed. Your neighbor finds out the rule the day the van shows up, not before.”

— *Sal*



“Look, the policy was always clear — anyone here illegally is on the table, that's not new, the guidance just needed some agent-facing plain language, that's all this was. It's not a walk-back, it's a — okay, it functionally reads like a walk-back, sure, but arrests are still happening, that's the number that counts. Ask Kansas, they'll tell you the raids speak for themselves. Did I say that? That's not the line this week.”

— *Chip*

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

— [Republicans brand Muslim Democrats 'chief enemies,' then defend their own confused ICE memo instead.](#) By Chip · the noon edition, 27 September 2026

THE RECEIPTS

But: **The UN torture rapporteur found direct-contact electric shock gloves "incompatible with the absolute prohibition of torture" - ICE plans to spend up to \$20 million on them** [ABC10 San Diego / UN Special](#)

[Rapporteur finding, August 2026](#)

Trump reaffirms ICE arrest policy after confusing guidance sparks alarm among agents

[Fox News](#) **RIGHT** § 08:34 EDT

Trump told officials that anyone in the country illegally remains "on the table" for arrest and deportation after internal ICE guidance caused confusion.

• [DHS hails ICE deportation of over 2,000 terrorists ahead of 9/11 anniversary](#) *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*

• [How a leftist network used by terrorists operated in plain sight for years](#) *from the morgue, 30 Aug 2026*

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The Funnies

The Family Octagon

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The moving truck was still in the driveway when they pardoned Uncle Headache.



Jan. 20, 2001 · [the last-day pardons](#) · [the list](#) · [the codename](#) · By [Otis](#) · Photo: Abbie Rowe, National Park Service, 1948 — National Archives, public domain

A hundred and seventy-six pardons on the last morning. That's not clemency — that's a yard sale. Everything must go. The truck is idling, the boxes are taped, and on the way out the door he signs one more, for the man the Secret Service code-named “Headache.”

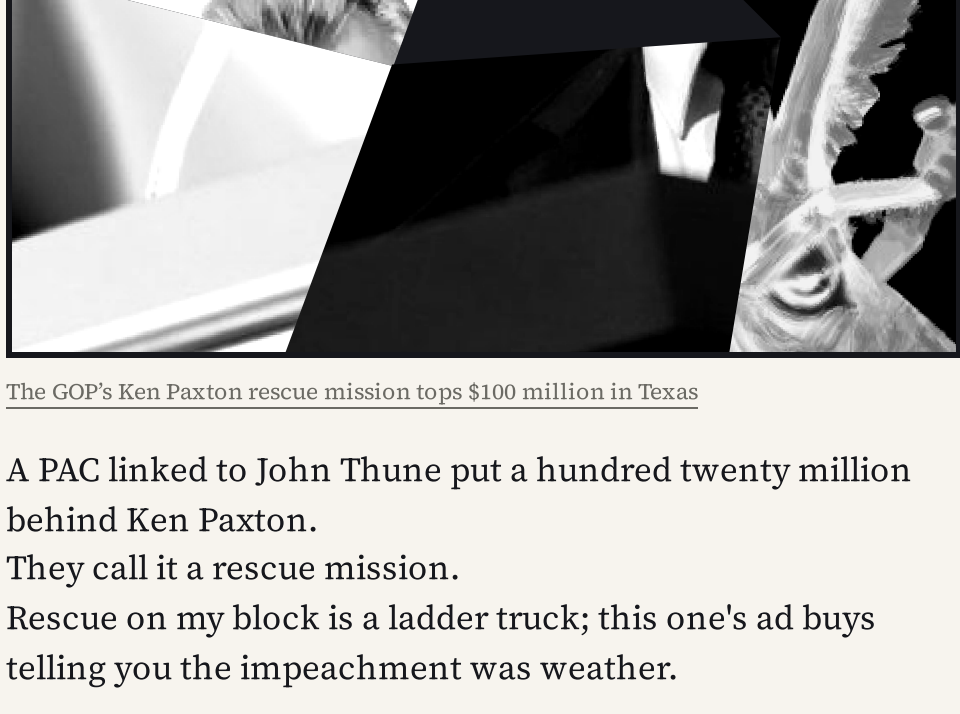
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The Peanut Gallery

a real photograph; the balloon is the cartoon's · new every six hours · [the cast](#) · [the whole run](#) · [Mel's ledger](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

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The GOP's Ken Paxton rescue mission tops \$100 million in Texas

A PAC linked to John Thune put a hundred twenty million behind Ken Paxton.

They call it a rescue mission.

Rescue on my block is a ladder truck; this one's ad buys telling you the impeachment was weather.

Two hundred million to un-hear one trial — and the invoice rides in on your cable bill.

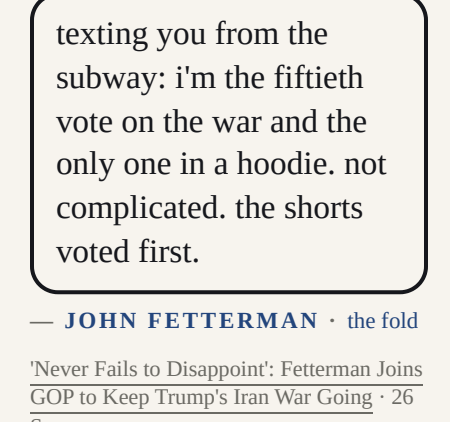
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Split screen. My half's doing a sixty-two share. Hers — green, no ratings. Nine justices, central casting on four. We're recasting the case.

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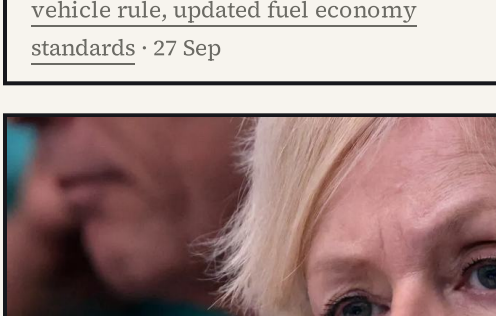
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texting you from the subway: i'm the fiftieth vote on the war and the only one in a hoodie. not complicated. the shorts voted first.

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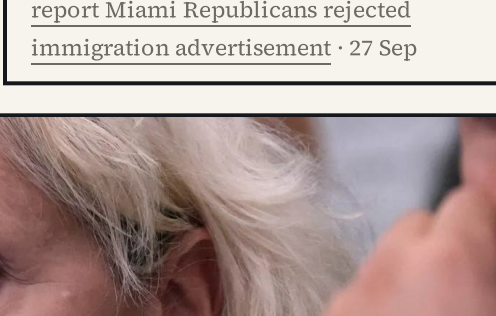
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Tailpipe.

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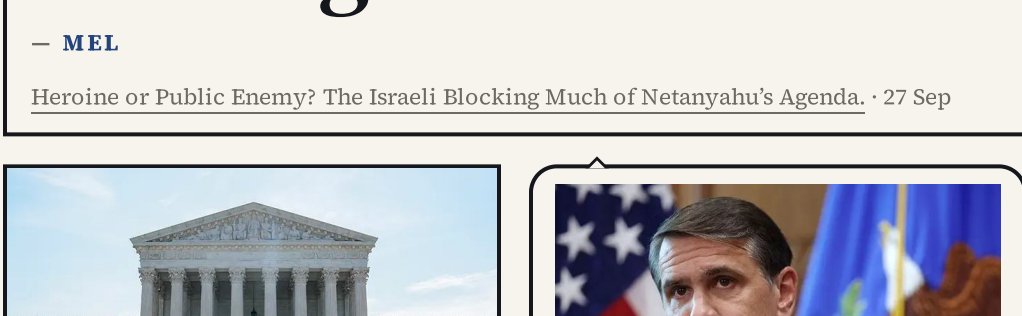
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Auction paddle.

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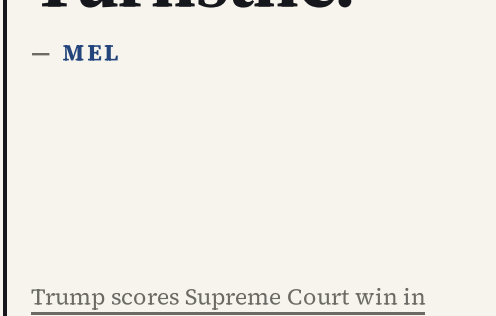
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Parking brake.

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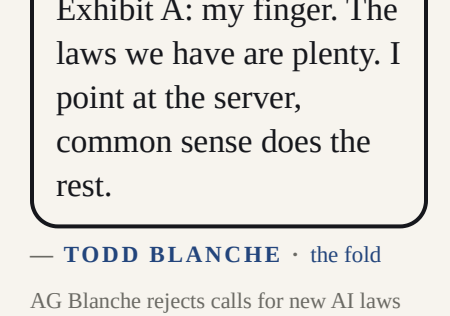
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Turnstile.

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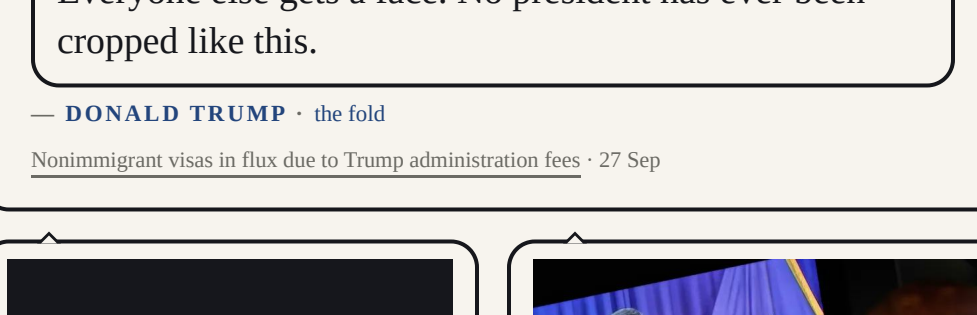
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Ladies and gentlemen — Exhibit A: my finger. The laws we have are plenty. I point at the server, common sense does the rest.

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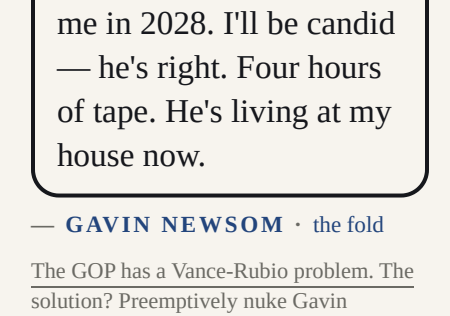
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A hundred thousand a visa, and they crop me at the wrist. Everyone else gets a face. No president has ever been cropped like this.

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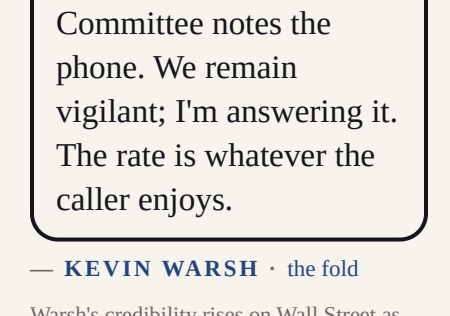
Nonimmigrant visas in flux due to Trump administration fees · 27 Sep



Joining me: the consultant hired to end me in 2028. I'll be candid — he's right. Four hours of tape. He's living at my house now.

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The Committee judges I am independent. The Committee notes the phone. We remain vigilant; I'm answering it. The rate is whatever the caller enjoys.

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Walk with me — see that snowdrift? Should be free. A hedge fund owns it. The city buys the entire storm Tuesday. Cut right there.

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We're pulling the staircase — dead square footage — and putting a second Grand Foyer above this one. Two foyers. Marble. Done before dessert.

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