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President rejects Iran's seven-day offer to reopen the Strait and reschedules the bombing for after the summit; 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 MORT
One More Question

I wrote down everything that came across the wire on Thursday in the order it arrived, and by 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 Thursday that it could 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 a drone 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 leader: Lisa*	29	44	370
The $5,000 check nobody authorized *Sunday chair: Mort*	16	3	87
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Outlets are distinct sources across the house's receipts; versions are how many times the house wrote it. The desks divide the list; a story the house runs straight is counted and not joked.

THIS WEEK'S WORDS
Censure · Witch Hunt · Tonight · Two Weeks · Hoax · Rigged · The Best People

TRADE TWEAKED

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

The full arc, timestamped: the eleventh-hour pause, pending paperwork, the collapse and the midnight tariffs and the neighbors reply — "You're at war when you get attacked." The fold stands on the ledger. So does the sequel.

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THE WORD
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On beautiful
DEMOCRAT REPUBLICAN

NO SHORT TITTLE *BEAUTIFUL*

"My nephew is in law school, he looked this up for me, because I didn't believe it. The One Big Beautiful Bill — when it became Public Law 119-21, it didn't have that name. It doesn't have a short name at all. No popular nod it ever. No it's called [a big fucking bill]. It's not even on the budget office's report. Three point four trillion added to deficits over ten

★ THE SHORT VERSION
Typed by Mort

WHAT HAPPENED. The president rejected Iran's seven-day offer to reopen the Strait and put the decision past the midterms.

WHO GETS PAID. Energy sellers: households have paid $1,760 each extra since the war began by Moody's count, and diesel is $6.48 against $3.68 a year ago.

WHAT SLIPS. Congress cannot get a cost sheet for the war; every Senate Democrat but one had to ask by letter, and the briefing gave no answers.

WHAT'S NEXT. If the schedule holds, the war's end date is an election date; that is what Congress got for its $1.5 trillion, both chambers voted to end the Yemen war, the vote held, and it ran 21 more months.

On President rejects Iran's seven-day offer to reopen the Strait and reschedules the bombing for after the summit; U.N. ambassador goes on Fox to say the $6.48 diesel came from Ukraine — the column, by Lisa: The whole front, short, and the precedents, on 04

The president priced a Republican Congress at $8,000 an inhaler, the Treasury told the House the department is examining whether Congress is needed, and 750,000 Americans lost their health coverage that week.



PHOTO: ANDALUSIA ADVANCES ON BAR 42-MANDAN. TRUMP OFFERS TO PAY AMERICANS $1,000 FOR MIDTERM VOTES. U.S. KILLS 11 IN CARIBBEAN BOAT STRIKE (PHOTO VIA TIMES NEWS)

BY MORT
The Records Bureau

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

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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.



PHOTO: TRUMP SAYS HIS DECISION 'COMING ON WHETHER TO ANNIHILATE IRAN (PHOTO VIA COMMON DREAMS)

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

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

On Thursday 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.

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Nine months after the military removed Venezuela's president, the 365-senate operation that booked 65 billion barrels — 58 percent of it to the Pentagon — leaves the oil sector producing a pillar at a record $4.15 and 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 Caracas bureau from Venezuela, and CBS reported that White said there is a deal between the two nations would bring gas prices down

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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 Senate says protects workers' rights, and the Senate is expected to pass it Monday.



PHOTO: TRUMP SET TO ATTEND THURSDAY TEXAS FOOTBALL GAME IN MIDDLE OF PROTESTS IN THE HILL

BY GUS
The Beer-Desk

📍 HOT MIC MOMENT
Put me on the political desk, because here is what that stadium was rented to sell. The tip was that the Senate's calendar for the two weeks the House is gone is, per NBC, an NCAA-backed

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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 ran the "September Social Security direct payment worth $994 goes out in three days." The next morning, August 30th, it ran the same payment again – "two days." The same morning, in first – headline changed to "goes out in two days." One

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▼ FROM THE MAILBAG ▼

Dear Vivian,
Can the voters in Palmerston's district vote to get him impeached?
— *Buyer's Remorse in Bethlehem. Vivian answers on B7.*

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

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear signed a bill banning transgender athletes ban and cost the party, on him that his party never throws – doesn't, rather, throws anybody under the bus. Never is the right word for his; the governor's is the more certain 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 headlined "no more than

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Trump Jr.'s wife says the wedding pit needed no sponsor. The commissioner explains it was repaid.

BY LOU
One More Question

You're in bed, in the order I wrote it down.

September 18th: Bettina Trump posts on Instagram that a little cattle spreads in order, that the wedding pit from Russian oligarch Dasha Kremlev was nothing to get sending headlines over, based. Jay Robert Garcia, the ranking member on House Oversight, presses the administration for answers about what that oligarchs brought. September 19th: Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez says the administration is selling it every person in this country. September 18th. A post

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

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

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

This week the Justice Department got its conviction. Kevin D. Lerma, a Texas clinic that billed TRICARE, the military's health program, $3b millions for transcranial magnetic stimulation sessions the government's filing says he never delivered. He bought a gold-plated Cybertruck and a house on the New York Post calls a lavish. Kansas, on paper, for the fraud case looks like when

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THE RECORD

When we fix a line, the strikethrough stays. See the [corrections page](#).

— this paper

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

BY SAL
Staff Writer

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 party paid to protect it describing, on their own, how it could end.

The first crack showed on September 9th, when Kansas's former Republican governor endorsed Adam Hamilton, the

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▼ FROM THE CORNER ▼

DE'VON
THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S OWN FILING LISTS ONE HUNDRED, 17,500, and counts the completion of the [Strait of Hormuz](#) by 2031. 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 fewer this year, the church committee that spent the summer readying a family's Lastenberg sponsor-ship-to-lodge gets it handed back unopened, and the co-sponsor line with your signature on it goes back in the patient file drawer.

A On Historically low refugee cap expands by 10,000 slots for white South Africans. — the column, by Mitch

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BY MITCH
Staff Writer

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

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Kansas Democrat Jason Bell's campaign has been built on apologies than him, then considers they win anyway.

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 "suicidal impulse" and named the defendants: Bernie Sanders, the Democratic Senate nominee in Michigan, and Graham Platner, who had already dropped out of the Maine Senate race. That is best one, a diagnosis delivered from inside the patient.

By September 4th, a fellow Pennsylvania Democrat answered back. At least two dis-agnosis got its own diagnosis, from his own caucus, in his own state.

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Fetterman says Democrats have lost their way. Here's the apologies than him, then considers they win anyway.

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

Let's be precise, because precision is what's missing here. On September 19th, three outlets — CNN, MS NOW, Politico — lost 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 outlets likely to win their case. Fine. Courts weigh in. That's the system working.

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Attorney general issues Trump laser's rights, access' one day after Trump called for one of a reporter's face

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

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Court clears first Orange match since 1790s as street closes it anyway

BY SAL
Staff Writer

Garraghy Road had not carried an Orange march since before the Good Friday Agreement – twenty-eight years without one. That is the fact underneath everything that follows this month.

On September 13, view services reported that the first lodges of the Orange Order and Northern Ireland planned to sign a joint pact pushing for the United Kingdom's dissolution. The next day, the document existed. In writing, the leaders warned the United Kingdom is "coming to an end" – language the Washington Examiner called bellicose – but the paper's own account-

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

THE FLOOR NEVER FALLS

Chapter 4: The Plate

The D9 is a bulldozer. I want to begin there, flatly, because everything else the feds loves spends on a machine whose catalogue entry is a

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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, and three vehicles were reported heading toward it around 12:45 a.m. Bomb squads checked the vans, about 40 households were evacuated, and British police opened the case under the Explosives Act, on suspicion of preparing a terrorist act. By Sunday 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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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 Midnight Hammer. On the 2nd the president ordered the "heaviest strikes ever" against the Revolutionary Guard, and 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.

BY SAL
The Sports Desk

📍 HOT MIC MOMENT
a senator who makes the man in the stands the story.

the bill, already known what a party down with that Independence. Somebody get me the political desk before Monday.

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

PHOTO: WASHINGTON EXAMINER

BY STERLING
The Ownership Desk

You will have seen the aircraft – a dedicated Boeing 777 out of Chengdu, the "FedEx

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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 kept moving "full speed ahead." That is not a sentence a senator or a columnist. It is the co-founder of Microsoft, the same week

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Ireland denies 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 participation in the UEFA Nations League "unconscionable," pointing to what Amnesty says is the Israeli football association's ongoing support for the occupation. That was

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Senator proposes banning politicians from running buildings after themselves while the president spends the year tying to

BY MORT
The Records Bureau

The unwritten rule that no public building should carry a sitting politician's name is used. 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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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 something different than one in June, is dead. It was killed this month by legislative action: nineteen state governments have signed statutes locking their clocks onto daylight time year-round, each one waiting only on the single holds by November, the same race produced a lead and then a deficit inside nine days. The Republican caucuses 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 voters directly whether Jesus

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THE WIRE

Every right or mainstream headline answered before it renders.
— this paper

PULL UP A STOOL

Sid has never once been wrong. Ask him yourself.
— this paper

FREE, FOREVER

No paywall, no login, no regrets. Just the paper.
— this paper

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

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

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

THIS HEADLINE HAS READ 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 open water, moves the bombing to after the midterms — a scheduling decision, made by a calendar — 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 $5,000 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 cautious 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 while diesel passes its own record at $5.85. And a stadium cuts its beer to half price to fill the seats by kickoff, and the bill the Senate is expected to pass Monday. Half price on the beer, $4.15 on the gallon, $5.85 on the diesel, $5,000 on the Congress, and the savings arrive in a year or two."

— Sid

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 not careful looks like, 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. And last 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 $4.15 and 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 advanced Tuesday and is expected to pass Monday, the one The Nation says threatens athletes' human rights. That is the whole front, including the parts I struck out loud, which is more transparency than you will get anywhere else."

— Chip

A man shouts at the door he has already unlocked.
ENOCH · THE OWNERSHIP DESK

News, continued

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

the receipts: 7 stories ▾

Court clears first Orange march since 1998; the street closes it anyway

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The wire

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TRENDING

AI CEO named risk concerns. Trump, who has dismissed them, invites him to dinner.
Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei to have private White House dinner with Trump

3 headlines on this story ▾

Nearly 4,000 arrested for peacefully backing a banned protest group, one of them 94
94-year-old human rights lawyer among hundreds of protesters arrested in two of Kerelsouth's metro

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Mass shootings in the United States this year: 299
More than usual from long-term average, historic only slid shooting, police say

3 headlines on this story ▾

Democrats are running an average of 11.5 points ahead of their 2024 baseline across 2026 special elections
Sen. John Fetterman says it's 'entirely possible' Democrats take back Senate

3 headlines on this story ▾

The Pentagon has halted its oath right years running - the only major federal agency never to pass one
Texas citizen census continued to blind military health chain lost to gold-plated Quechuan

3 headlines on this story ▾

High Court clears Orange Order march through Portadown over thousands of protesters
Tensions run high in Northern Ireland after contentious march goes ahead

3 headlines on this story ▾

AP Top 25 poll: Florida climbs into top 10 in college football rankings after statement win over No. 4 Ole

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Republicans funded ZERO's $10 billion. Democrats fighting for it, almost around.

Democrats are considering a Trump-like tactic to get Republicans fighting for their political survival

Politics · 12/17/2025 · 10:00 EST

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

Tweeterize has held Christie Pike on death row nearly 30 years - and wants to execute her

The "Tweets Twice" Mark Who is a true Crime Obsession. The Truth is Even Shocking.

The Coverage · 12/18/2025

After 30 years on death row, Christie Pike has become the country's most controversial at 18. The post The "Tweets Twice" Mark Who is a True Crime Obsession. The Truth is Even Shocking.

Israel delays the vote until after its election on a settlement to win minister sign off Navy Palestinian statehood

Israel's far-right finance minister is threatening to bring down the government if Netanyahu does not advance the annexation of the West Bank in exchange for the vote, which underscored EU project until after the Israeli Knesset election. Although the International Court of Justice, has previously declared Israel's occupation of

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Retirement patient Brunch Fin. industry. Lab brought it back.

Steve Hamilton, Chicago Northern Cemetery

Jewelry · 08/07/2025

Under Jon Stevenson, Brunch's national museum was greatly conserved, and left for dead. Then Lucia returned — and set the record.

A judge supervised evidence that Air Ont could have been a violation

What the Presidential Jury Never Got to Hear

Politics · 12/17/2025 · 10:00 EST

Lawyers for an anti-ICE protester say the government withheld key records. The theory was squashed to gaps in the evidence and a judge's imposition. The post What the Presidential Jury Never Got to Hear appeared first on The Intercept .

Lobster could be serving heiress to meet. Outsourcing from made €30m off them. merger

Outsourcing Giant Capita Has Made €30m Off Its Clients Through Tax Avoidance

Business Weekly · 09.08.2025

The outsourcing company made an estimated £80m in profit from public services last year, with close to 13% of all public expenditure going to those private firms. A new report by the Stub trade Commission found that the public sector spent £129bn on services provided by companies, despite the failure government pledging to bring a

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All firms are investigating their own models after they let UK government websites

As Public Data Tech Companies Are Investigated, Government Websites Are Left Vulnerable

Common Dreams · 12/17/2025

Experts say the UK government has years of experts warned that current artificial algorithmic partnerships are "unraveling," Some reported Saturday that security researchers, along with the firms Anthropic and OpenAI, "are investigating tens of thousands of exploits" including those with vulnerabilities in government websites. Experts say the

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Both partner pulled asylum. Congress just handed ICE. $75 billion to enforce what's left.

What Killed Asylum

Politics · 12/17/2025 · 10:00 EST

Across the fall of the Soviet Union, the US government, open 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 ▾ 10 more items ▾

TRENDING

Troopers arrested him without a warrant, his campaign says, for protesting ICE's shooting of a man
Austin City Council Candidate Missed Names Arrested After Protest Against ICE Shooting

3 headlines on this story ▾

Trump left for a football game as the Nation's deadline to pass the Protect College Sports Act neared
Live updates: Trump returns to White House after Team Newsome game, Iran's proposal to reopen Strait of Hormuz rejected

3 headlines on this story ▾

Brazil's bishops assess outcomes of wedding in Lula's re-election. It showed them anyway.
A Weekly Account of National Conference of Brazilian Bishops

Pastor Report · 11/2025

The above Catholics leading Lula as the church dimension foreign interference.

Extravagant electoral ruled her Most Wealth pick. Parliament at home can't vote at all.
Africa is Changing

A diaspora vote was the Internationalists the People's Choice Award at Miss World. But the freedom to choose is exactly what Kristiana at home don't have.

Global's reasonable ban it setting landowner money. The county may reverse it.
Jessica Hamilton, Chicago Northern Cemetery

Jewelry · 07.08.2025

Some residents oppose renewables. Others see property rights — and the chance to benefit from energy developments on their land — as fundamental. This fall, county leaders will decide.

The median first-time homebuyer is now 40 years old, a record, with first-time buyers at a record low 21% of the market
Sen. Ted Cruz to Trump: Don't look to bar an affordability problem

Politics · 12/17/2025 · 10:00 EST

A record 30,000 DoD-funded Coast Guard of living concerns are embarking partisanship divides — and driving a wedge among homebuyers.

THE REST OF THE DAY'S WIRE ▾ 9 more items ▾

TRENDING

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

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Nigerian women's dating choices are shaped by poverty, not preference
Africa is Changing · 12/17/2025

a) Zero latest single-employed an old debate about women, money, and dating in Nigeria. But no one really chooses those positioned to understand the role of economic necessity and unequal access to opportunity.

It's Caged book by 5 running we himself. Jealous trade by 6 running from the constituents.
The Consultants Will Kill You

Business Weekly · 09.08.2025

The New York Times has a new article headlined " Democrats Draw Strength in Michigan Senate Race but Trail in Maine, Polls Find. " It highlights the internal and external pressures of two Democratic Senate candidates Michigan Re.

The $1.2 million bond in January 2024 to preserve evidence of alleged genocide in Gaza
Environmentalists Raise Alarm

Bruce Riddell is Surviving Image: "What is enough childhood for 6 people to stay alive? What image of the Constitution lists tertiary on Congress?

Joseph Cochrane · 10/2007

NOMINEE: 4 at one year: Trump's playbook for corralling, infiltrating and prosecuting the left
Trump's Playbook for Corralling, Infiltrating and Prosecuting the Left

Executive Weekly · 09.08.2025

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 dismantle progressive and left-wing organizations through surveillance, harassment, infiltration, and legal prosecution.

THE REST OF THE DAY'S WIRE ▾ 10 more items ▾

TOP POST

His own judge: no evidence Trump's press ban was about national security
Trump Wins Ground Restriction Access to Reform, Will Defy CNN Reporters Because After Judge's Order

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Bank tried to manufacture a Covid scandal from a trap interview
Sec. The U.S. Is The World's Biggest Terrorist

Business Weekly · 09.08.2025

Footage says it's true about Dana Fillon Supreme Judge. This time, it started with an interview Fillon did with Alex Thompson of Axios. Plenty in the media would clearly love to manufacture a Covid scandal around Fillon.

UEFA keeps Israel in the National League while the ICJ orders it to prevent a genocide evidence, Amnesty says
Amnesty Wants UEFA Act Allowing Israel to Nations League Despite 'Overwhelm, Apartheid, and Genocide'

Common Dreams · 12/17/2025

Human rights group Amnesty International on Tuesday slammed the Union of European Football Associations for allowing the Israeli national team to continue competing in UEFA competitions, despite the European governing body's own investigation confirming that Israeli forces committed apartheid and genocide against Palestinians. Since October 7, Amnesty International

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We Hacked the FBI. Hackers Say They Have Data on All FBI Employees
Jason Leopold · 12/17/2025

A sample of 1,000 alleged agents sent by hackers to media outlets, 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 Cochrane · 12/17/2025

BY DATE, SEPTEMBER 09

Senate bill would pay college athletes while locking them in their schools
This week in the Senate, Democrats are trying to change sports law.

Pro Wire · 12/17/2025 · 10:00 EST

The Fair College Athletes Act is a response to the college sports NIL (Name, Image and Likeness) regulatory scandal, which has left many athletes feeling exploited. In principle, the top of their agents is legislation that would create national rules for compensating college athletes, limiting transfers,...

College football preseason index: Three coaches, two QBs and one coordinator under the gun in Week 4
Bill Speros · 09.08.2025

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

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BY DATE, SEPTEMBER 10

Eminem dispatch funded Trump Jr.'s lavish wedding and driver, foreign-influence concerns. Trump says it's repeal.
Trump's tax cuts paid back business dispatch for wedding gift

Politics · 12/17/2025 · 10:00 EST

President Trump said Friday that his son Donald Trump Jr. paid back the Russian dispatch who funded some of his lavish wedding celebrations after concerns flowed 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 bill would strip college athletes of their labor rights
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This dispatch in this week's Pro + U.S. , our justice correspondent looks at the many ways Cruz's bill threatens athletes' labor rights. Plus: Why our mind is writing nightmare isn't over.

BY DATE, SEPTEMBER 11

Trump launched an unauthorized war. Families are paying $1,500 for it.
US Energy Consumers Have Spent $12 Billion Extra Since Trump Launched Iran War: Wendy's

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US narcotics killed at least 750 civilians in Iran, UN mission finds — and calls it war crimes
Trump's Iran War Has Killed Hundreds of Civilians, U.N. Mission Finds

Jessica Reddy · 10.08.2025

A UN fact-finding mission has reported that two US airstrikes which killed at least 175 civilians in Iran constitutes war crimes. Pilot Andy Burnham says he is "determined" to hit out next by 2035, Sweden's belt of counties civilians into territory and the Constitution lists tertiary on Congress.

The Pentagon has failed to audit eight years running - the only major federal agency never to pass one
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Dario Democrats, Anissa Peterman, Pentagon, Jewelry to provide receipt for Iran war costs.

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All of the Democrats in the Senate — including Pennsylvania Sen. John Fetterman — signed an open letter to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, urging the Pentagon to provide an itemized breakdown of the war in Iran. The letter, although largely symbolic, echoes the frustration of many Democrats in Congress over what they perceive as a...

The Pentagon has failed to audit eight years running - the only major federal agency never to pass one
Mary Ann Wheeler

Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), who voted to confirm Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, is reasserting his call for President Trump to fire the Pentagon's chief financial officer over the department's failure to pass an audit. "He needs to go, whether it's impeachment or the next expected vacancy," Graham said.

IRS ICE borrowing bombed civilian sites in Iran, killing 175 children
US Agency Funds ICE Strike on Minab, Iran, That Killed 175 Children, Pay Per Crime

Common Dreams · 12/17/2025

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

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BUSINESS, SEPTEMBER 12

Draft, DP and Canal Avenue's record profits from the Iran war feed the industry's record PR blitz, says Common Dreams
Weapons Manufacturing Contractors Hit Record High as Big Oil Pockets Billions From Iran War

Christina Hamilton · 10.08.2025

Common Dreams is proud to be editing its big profits thanks to President Donald Trump's illegal war with Iran, and a new analysis finds that U.S. weapons manufacturers are also reaping huge profits from the conflict. The post Draft, DP and Canal Avenue's record profits from the Iran war feed the industry's record PR blitz, says Common Dreams appeared first on Truthout.

Since 2022, Trump Made More Stock Trades Than All 535 Congress Members Combined
Pro Wire · 12/17/2025

This amounts to more than 10 trades per market day for the president in the first 12 months back in office.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Massie Moves to Force Impeachment Vote Against Noem, Giving Civilian Deaths
Jessica Reddy · 10.08.2025

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Fox: "We've got to get rid of the $29 trillion in debt" - Trump promised it done in eight years. March 2016
Fox Business Network

The Republican debate exposed major Trump's drawbacks. Now they're unravelling.

Andrew · 12/17/2025 · 10:00 EST

As they gathered in Dallas, GOP lawmakers wavered from full-on embrace to full-on avoidance of the president's promise of $1,000 checks to Americans.

Paying voters FBI. is a wise under-law federal loot - and grounds for impeachment.
Trump's Playbook for Corralling, Infiltrating and Prosecuting the Left

Executive Weekly · 09.08.2025

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

Standoff advances on Hall of Mandate Trump offers to pay Americans $30,000 for midterm votes. U.S. kills 3 in Caribbean boat strike
Drop Site News · 12/17/2025

Drop Site Daily: September 16, 2025

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

A former CEO executive just bought the governor's seat

Trump Wins Ground Restriction Access to Reform, Will Defy CNN Reporters Because After Judge's Order

Andrew · 12/17/2025 · 10:00 EST

Former CEO executive Melissa Ackerman just bought the Rhode Island governor in the Democratic primary after he faced a growing political crisis around a housing

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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.

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)

▼ THE SHORT VERSION
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 insurance; 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 lay 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 Over: 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-sorta.

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 · MAGISTERIAL · 10:45 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 · MAGISTERIAL · 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. Now Democrats Are Using It Against Republicans.

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 (REFERENCE)

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

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

Trump's Signature Law Cut SNAP by $187 Billion. Now Democrats Are Using It Against Republicans.

Vance touts a $2.2 billion health care cut for 750,000. The ballroom cost $400 million.
Common Dreams · 10:34 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 "fraudulently" 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
Deep Dive News · 10:34 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*

This page is a back-issue: the story as it ran, receipts as they were. The current edition is at the front. The byline is a pen name for a column drafted by a machine and checked by the editor: how this is made.

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.

~~Maisie says he's successful enough Republicans to oppose Epstein Files II dialogue system~~

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

· Trump says Venezuelan oil will replenish Strategic Petroleum Reserves *from the morgue, 31 Aug 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)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
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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*

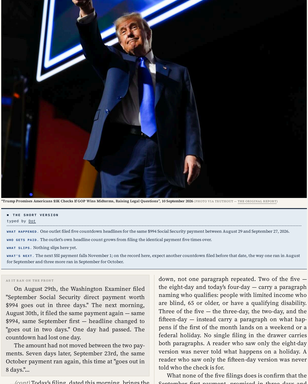
President Trump left Knoxville for the White House Saturday afternoon after attending the University of Texas vs. University of Tennessee football game — an appearance coming ahead of senators' last chance to pass the Protect College Sports Act before recessing into a lame-duck period. Trump flew to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

The October 2026 Supplemental Security Income payments, worth up to $994, will be sent to recipients in 4 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.

- 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*
- September Social Security direct payment worth $994 goes out in three days *from the morgue, 29 Aug 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, 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
typed by Dot

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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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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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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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.

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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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- 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*
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- 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*
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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

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

By STERLING
THE OWNERSHIP DESK



"Xi announces new pandas coming to Atlanta in coming days", 24 September 2026 (PHOTO VIA WASHINGTON EXAMINER — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. China sent two giant pandas to a zoo in Atlanta under an agreement between the two governments.

WHO GETS PAID. Zoo Atlanta gets the animals, FedEx got its name on the jet that flew them, and China's government gets a friendship story told on American television.

WHAT SLIPS. The public got the announcement, not the text; nothing released says what the United States agreed to give back.

WHAT'S NEXT. What is on the calendar is the arrival itself, Sunday, and the student invitations announced Thursday. No length, cost or end date for either has been made public.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

You will have seen the aircraft — a dedicated Boeing 777 out of Chengdu, the "FedEx Panda Express" — and you will have been told that what came off it in Atlanta on Sunday morning was a gift. Xi said as much on Thursday, at the White House, alongside Trump: the giant panda has been "an envoy of friendship between the Chinese and American people." Envoy. Envoy, mind you — an envoy is sent somewhere, and an envoy is recalled.

The wire does not report a gift. It reports "an agreement between the Chinese and American governments," and beneath that a second one, between Zoo Atlanta and the Chinese side. Two instruments for two animals. Two. A gift requires no consideration — nothing need come back the other way, that is precisely what makes it a gift — and an agreement between two states is consideration and nothing else. So what goes back? Thursday's announcement prints the one column: two pandas, and invitations for one hundred thousand American students to study in China. Invitations. Not visas ... invitations....

...(cont) Ping Ping and Fu Shuang are in Atlanta. Those are the only terms published.

All winter a man feeds the borrowed horse. The horse goes home fat.

— ENOCH
The Ownership Desk

"A present you need two governments to sign for is not a present, it's a trade, and they put the cute half on the evening news. China's side got printed — two pandas, a hundred thousand American kids invited to study over there. Our side didn't get printed at all, and when nobody will tell you what we gave up, that's because you're what got spent."
— Sal

"Pandas are a win, everybody loves pandas, and frankly this is what strength at the negotiating table looks like. Did I say negotiating? It's friendship — envoy of friendship, those are their words, not mine. And a hundred thousand American students in China, that's our influence over there, that's us exporting values, why are you looking at me like that?"
— Chip

THE RECEIPTS

Xi gifts giant pandas to U.S., continuing years of "panda diplomacy"

CBS News | MAINSTREAM | *19:33 EDT*

President Trump honored Chinese President Xi Jinping with a state dinner on Thursday. Xi announced a new gift of giant pandas, on their way to a zoo in Atlanta, part of what Xi called an "envoy of friendship" between the two nations.

Xi announces new pandas coming to Atlanta in coming days

Washington Examiner | RIGHT | *12:32 EDT*

Two giant pandas are set to arrive at Zoo Atlanta in the coming days, Chinese President Xi Jinping announced Thursday during a press conference at the White House. "The giant panda has been an envoy of friendship between the Chinese and American people," Xi said in a translated statement.

Two giant pandas arrive in Atlanta under a US-China government agreement

Washington Examiner | RIGHT | *13:51 EDT*

BANGKOK (AP) — Two giant pandas arrived in Atlanta on Sunday morning as part of an agreement between the Chinese and American governments. Ping Ping and Fu Shuang departed Chengdu in southwestern China early Sunday aboard a dedicated "FedEx Panda Express" Boeing 777 aircraft, officials said.

Xi comes bearing gifts: 2 giant pandas and 100,000 student visas

The Hill | MAINSTREAM | *12:49 EDT*

Chinese President Xi Jinping announced at the White House on Thursday he was gifting the U.S. with two giant pandas and invitations for 100,000 U.S. students to study in China.

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THE TAX · WHAT IT COST YOU

This year, Washington's choices cost your household about $1287.

— **$1200** Tariffs — about a month of groceries, paid at the register, not on your return

— **$2.29** The ballroom — a candy bar — your half of the $600 million

— **$0.47** The military parade — a stick of gum — $61 million, street repair included

— **$0.76** His golf, this term — a gumball — past $100 million and counting

— **$83.00** Gas, one average car — $0.20 a gallon of tariff on imported crude, 12,500 miles at 30 MPG

An estimate, and it says so: big federal costs divided across roughly 131 million US households, tariff figures from the Tax Foundation and Yale Budget Lab. It models the bottom 97 percent — the people who don't get the offsetting tax cut and can't skip the tariff. The top 3 percent get it back, and then some.

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THE CUT · WHO THE 2025 TAX LAW WAS FOR

The income-tax cut was real, and it reached almost everyone. That was the decoy. Here is the same law once the benefit cuts land:



Add the tariffs and the health-care-subsidy cuts the same law leans on, and only the richest 3% come out ahead — the bottom 95% pay in more than they get back. — the receipt

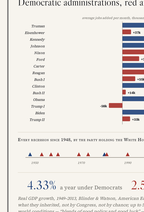
Corporations kept their 21% rate untouched and hollowed out the base instead: permanent full-expensing worth about $363 billion, plus $141 billion for writing off buildings — the kind of break that never shows up on your return. — the receipt

The hats are the Congressional Budget Office's estimate for the enacted law (Public Law 119-21, July 2025) — the income-tax cuts and the Medicaid, SNAP and ACA cuts together, averaged 2026–2034. On the tax code alone almost every household got a small cut; the benefit cuts, and then the tariffs, are what turn the bottom negative. Corporate figures from the Joint Committee on Taxation.

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THE SCOREBOARD · THE ECONOMY, BY PARTY

Four panels of public data a hostile reader can rebuild — one subtraction per president. Blue bars are Democratic administrations, red are Republican.



EVERY PRESIDENT SINCE 1948, TO THE DAYS RULING THE WHITE HOUSE AT ONSET (NBER DATES)



4.33% a year under Democrats **2.54%** under Republicans

Real GDP growth, 1949–2023, Blinder & Watson, American Economic Review — not replicated by what they inherited, set by Congress, not by chance up to 50–70% to tax, productivity and world conditions — "friends of good policy and good luck" — and none of it to fiscal or monetary stance. The gap survives every extension through 2020.

THE DEFICIT, DIRECTION — LAST MEDIUM (SHARE OF GDP, CMS)

Carter	-2.6 → -2.5	*held*
Reagan	-2.5 → -2.7	*worse*
Bush I	-2.7 → -3.7	*worse*
Clinton	-3.7 → +1.2	*surplus*
Bush II	+1.2 → -9.8	*worse*
Obama	-9.8 → -3.1	*cut by two-thirds*
Trump I	-3.4 → -14.5	*worse (-4.6 before COVID)*
Biden	-11.7 → -6.2	*cut by half*

Since January 1969 the United States has added 49.9 million jobs under Democratic presidents and 1.8 million under Republican ones — 27 to 1. One subtraction per president rebuilds it. — the receipt

Ten of the last eleven recessions began under a Republican president, by the profession's own dating committee. Drop COVID and it is nine of the last ten. No recession has begun under a Democrat since January 1980. — the receipt

Real growth since 1949: 4.33% a year under Democrats, 2.54% under Republicans — peer-reviewed, and not explained by inheritance, by Congress, or by chance (146 of 11,440 party shuffles lost it). — the receipt

"Though business votes Republican, it prospers more under Democrats" — corporate profits' share of income runs higher under the party business votes against, in the AER's own words. — the receipt

Since 1977 the deficit improved across every Democratic administration and worsened across every Republican one. The scoring convention bends each president his predecessor's first fiscal year. — the receipt

John Bill's note, January to January, measures each president split at the month, the current president's average, his predecessor's, so every president's number and prints the smaller ones. Recessions: the NBER chronology, scored by the AER, peer-reviewed, replication files public. Deficits: each president is scored as inheriting his predecessor's final fiscal year. Partial terms say so. Verified 24 August 2024.

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THE PUMP · WHAT A GALLON REALLY COSTS YOU

Not in dollars — in minutes of your life at work. How long the average worker had to clock in to buy one gallon, and the shock that set the price.



Today the sign reads $4.31 — about 8.0 minutes of work at the current wage, well above this term's average, and the highest nominal price ever recorded on this date.

Time price = 60 ÷ (the EIA's average gallon that term, divided by the term's average hourly wage (BLS production and nonsupervisory workers). Blue is a Democratic term, red a Republican one. The peak belongs to Obama and the floor to Clinton — neither man set the world oil market, so read the shock, not the party.

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THE SPIKES · THE PAIN IS THE SPEED

A high price you can plan around. A price that doubles in a year you cannot. The run-ups that forced households to change their lives.

1979–1980
$0.86 → $1.19 a gallon
The Iranian revolution nearly doubled crude in a year, and the gas lines came back

2007–2008
$2.80 → $4.11 a gallon
The rocket to $147 crude — the highest nominal gas price in history, under George W. Bush

2020–2022
-$37 a barrel → $5.02 a gallon
The COVID crash to Ukraine's war: oil went negative, then gas set a record — the most violent round-trip ever

Gas was once so cheap and steady the station signs were painted by hand. Then the shape got brutal — and the country tore out the "$" and bolted on digital numbers just to keep up. The number that wrecks a household was never the price. It was the speed.

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THE BARREL · WHAT CRUDE IS REALLY WORTH

A barrel of oil is 42 gallons. At $87 a barrel the crude itself costs $2.07 a gallon. Here is what leaves the refinery.

— **$4.10** Gasoline, regular — 2.0× the crude

— **$5.45** Diesel — 2.6× the crude

— **$4.49** Heating oil — 2.2× the crude

The oil is two bucks a gallon. Everything after — refining, taxes, distribution, the margin — is the rest of the number on the sign. Crude Trading Economics (WTI), Aug 2026; pump prices AAA, Aug 2026, Trading Economics, Aug 2026.

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ROCKET & FEATHER · UP FAST, DOWN SLOW

When the cost of making a thing rises, the price rockets up the same week. When that cost falls, the price feathers down — if it moves at all. The gap is margin.

THE INPUT EASED. YOUR PRICE DIDN'T.

Gasoline CRUDE −29% YOU PAY **-27%**
Crude fell a fifth from its April peak; the pump barely moved, and it is still a dime off its own May record of $4.34. cost · price

Coffee BEANS +26% YOU PAY **+33%**
Arabica peaked last October and fell by a quarter; retail ground coffee kept climbing to an all-time record months later, and still was at cost. price

Electricity NATURAL GAS +66% YOU PAY **+22%**
Natural gas, the fuel that sets the power price, fell two-thirds off its 2022 peak to a record low; your residential rate only climbed. cost · price

Eggs WHOLESALE +92% YOU PAY **+65%**
Wholesale eggs collapsed after the bird-flu scare; retail fell far less, and still runs about three and a half times the wholesale price. cost · price

Sugar WORLD SUGAR +45% YOU PAY **— flat**
World raw sugar nearly halved from its 2023 peak; US refined sugar barely moved, held about 40% above the world price by the federal sugar program's tariffs and quotas. cost · price

Fast food WHOLESALE FOOD +3% YOU PAY **+40%**
Wholesale food costs stopped rising after 2022; menus kept spiraling — McDonald's own executive says items rose about 40% above 2019. cost · price

NO INPUT TO BLAME — THESE JUST RATCHET.

Cable TV YOU PAY **+21%**
The BLS cable index has risen 21% in six years and has never once posted an annual decline. the receipt

Streaming YOU PAY **+60%**
The ad-free bundle of Netflix, Disney+, Hulu, Max and Prime went from about $36 to over $94 a month — every hike, no rollback. the receipt

Checked bags YOU PAY **+57%**
Nearly every major airline raised the first checked bag from $30 to $35 in early 2024; the bag weighs the same, and US carriers banked $4.6 billion in fees in 2022. the receipt

Input cost against the shelf price. Energy from the EIA, wholesale food and the retail baskets from the BLS, world sugar from ICE, eggs from the USDA. The second group has no commodity input to point at at all — nothing rose to justify the price, so the only thing left to explain it is margin.

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THE WEEK · WHAT SWEETY FOOD USED TO BE

Under a Dollar

Meals as unfathomable as the Bureau of Labor Statistics' average prices (U.S. city average, monthly). The number in the BLS's the survey suggestion is ours.

- **$0.49. The Seventeen Trifecta** — one egg ($0.15) + one slice of bread ($0.1.1 a loaf being extreme) + one banana ($0.20, at best in the parade). The Seventeen Trifecta is a complete breakfast, with protein, carbs, fruit, and healthy fats and the other thing. Servings size. Simulated over a thousand fifteen. Eggs, yeah, it kept, at best, $0.20 a dozen. Bread, yeah, at $1.20 a loaf. Bananas, per pound, $0.20 a fifth.
- **$0.44. Rice, Two Ways** — one cup of dry rice, almost 4.5 lbs. The second way is also rice. Water is mixed up and, the rest, included. Rice, once a big point, per pound, $1.0242 $0.60
- **$0.47. Baked Potato, Unencompassed** — one medium potato, about half a pound. Butter is a lifestyle. Sour cream is a mortgage. Potatoes, who, per pound, $0.94
- **$0.52. Toast** — two slices of bread, jam, butter and the morning paper are all extra. Is in the interior. Asset, wow, per pound, $1.20 a loaf.
- **$0.58. Chicken, by the Ounce** — seven ounces of a whole chicken, raw. The ounces you give you over a dollar. Feathers, bones and the rest are on power to servings. Chicken, wow, per pound, $1.51 $1.500
- **$0.60. The Egg** — one egg, at twelve to the carton. Down from $0.22 in March 2025, when the add-on was to get a chicken. The chicken is ill at a farm near you, but by no demand. Eggs, per pound, a dozen, $1.20 a dozen
- **$0.66. A Quarter of a Burger** — two ounces of ground beef, on bun, no bun money. The other three quarters are $2.26 and the bun is negotiable. Beef, at the second the hard to at 1995. Ground beef, per pound, $6.97 $6.000

The Chains

Dinner at the places everyone knows, then and now where a source carries Chicken Little Big to the control group.

- **$11.99. McDonald's,** Big Mac: $6.19 (2015) – $5.95 (Sep 2016). McDonald's,

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Investigative Reporting

Long stories in short chapters: the walk from a receipt in your hand to the ledger it lands in.

NOW RUNNING — 4 CHAPTERS

THE FLOOR NEVER FALLS

"Above a fixed dollar floor, Congress is notified. Below it, Congress is not. The floor was set in 1981; the only amendment since raised it." — from the editor's desk

By Ambrose

NOW RUNNING — 4 CHAPTERS

THE HOUSE IS A PARK

"The house costs $15.5 million a year to run and $600 million this year to add a room; Congress voted on the first number." — from the editor's desk

By Ambrose

NOW RUNNING — 9 CHAPTERS

YOUR RING FUNDS THE WAR

"The comforts of the first world arrive scrubbed of their supply lines — the ring, the chocolate, the coffee — with a thirty-second commercial standing where the history should be." — from the editor's desk

By Ambrose

NOW RUNNING — 7 CHAPTERS

THE FIRE BILLS THE WORLD

"The one industry whose entire business is pricing risk has arranged to carry none of its own: the premium is yours, the fire is yours, and the backstop, when it arrives, is yours as well." — from the editor's desk

By Ambrose

NOW RUNNING — 6 CHAPTERS

THE MANAGED ENEMY

"Money that reaches an armed group with everyone's paperwork in order is not a leak; a leak does not recur on a payment schedule." — from the editor's desk

By Ambrose

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