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

BY GUS
The Sports Desk

HOT MIC MOMENT

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

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

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

A reconciliation is two columns and the difference between them, and you do not need an opinion to run one.

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THE WORD

$45 — 28 SEPTEMBER 2026

On the swamp

DEMOCRAT — REPUBLICAN



$1.4 BILLION — *DRAIN THE SWAMP*

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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.

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

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

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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 MORT
The Records Bureau

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

On Wednesday the ninth, at the party's midterm convention in Dallas, the president said American adults would receive $5,000 if

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■ THE SHORT VERSION

typed by Dot

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.

On 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, — the column, by Gus. The whole front, short, and the precedents, on E6

ASK VIVIAN

"Sister, I love you to pieces, but isn't Iran calling the shots now, and Trump is just wishing he had an inside joke…" She answers on E5.

— this paper

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

BY LOU
One More Question

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

Every Democrat in the Senate except Senator Fetterman signed a letter pressing Secretary Hegseth for a cost breakdown of the war in Iran. The Pentagon's policy chief, Elbridge Colby, briefed the Senate Armed Services Committee behind closed doors, and lawmakers of both parties came out say-

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The zip code with Mar-a-Lago bans the data centers Interior is scouring public land to build.

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

The Ratepayer Protection Act, sponsored by Republican Senator Jon Husted of Ohio, does one specific thing: it asks states to consider standards that would shift a data center's electricity costs off other ratepayers and onto the tech companies running the machines. It does not require anything. The House passed it anyway, on September sixteenth, with enough Democratic votes that the label "bipartisan" holds.

On September first, the Interior Department's own appeals board put a stay on the first AI data center proposed for public land — eighty acres outside Boulder City, Nevada — after environmental groups warned about the electricity and water

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Khanna calls a third impeachment 'setting a standard'; eighteen Democrats already voted to block it this month.



PHOTO: WASHINGTON EXAMINER

BY LOU
One More Question

Have I told you about the number eighteen? I know I have it written down some-

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White House denies the China sale Trump just offered to make.

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

On September 18, three senators introduced a bill to block a $5 billion conventional weapons sale to Saudi Arabia, the kind of deal that by law needs a look from Congress before the crates ship. Four days later, on September 22, the president's own financial disclosure landed: 1,156 trades from July, worth between $79 million and $270 million, reshuffled through weapons-makers, oil, and AI stock, the same weapons-makers whose product line a foreign sale would move. Five days after that filing, on September 27, the New York Times reported — citing U.S. Ambassador David Perdue — that the president had offered to sell weapons directly to Xi Jinping. The

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Amodei warns AI is dangerous, dines with the president who dismissed the warning.



PHOTO: THE HILL

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

The White House insists the Sunday dinner between Dario Amodei and the president is nothing but a safety conversation, two men at a private table talking through the risks of artificial intelligence like colleagues at a seminar. There is no cause

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GOP congresswoman names Iran as the culprit; British police, who made the arrest, have not.

BY SAL
Staff Writer

British police arrested five men Sunday as they approached RAF Fairford, the airfield the United States has used in its war against Iran, and are holding them on suspicion of terrorism after finding suspected explosives nearby, the New York Times and NPR reported. No bomb went off. No charge has been filed. Whatever this plot was, it ended with British counterterror detectives, not with any American agency, and it ended before anyone outside that investigation knew enough to say what it was.

The warning ran a full news cycle ahead of any in-

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Trump re-airs his 2024 ad off a war chest watchdogs call illegal, awarded Florida Republicans scrubbing his name.



PHOTO: THE HILL

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

Call it a rerun. On September 1, one of them had already answered. Former state Rep. Mike Beltran, fresh off winning his primary in Florida's 14th District, took his own selling point off his website — pro-Trump mentions gone, the Washington Examiner reported, days after he'd argued that backing Trump was "conviction," not "political calculation."

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> *"I was saved by God to make America great again."*
> — DONALD TRUMP, SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS, 20 JANUARY 2025

Bears Ears opened to business; the business turns out to be Utah prospectors staking uranium claims

BY STERLING
The Ownership Desk

You are waiting for the foreign buyer, with a logo worth being furious at. There is none. Every claim staked on the 1.2 million acres opened at Bears Ears appears to have been filed — appears, the wire is careful — by small-scale miners in Utah with an interest in uranium. Neighbours. Shovels and filing fees.

And what did they owe the public for the uranium underneath? The question does not arise. The 1872 law holds that valuable mineral deposits are free and open; whoever locates a claim on locatable ground keeps what comes out of it. Free and open

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> *"If Oman gets in the way, we'll bomb the shit out of them."*
> — DONALD TRUMP, FOX NEWS INTERVIEW, 17 AUGUST 2026

FROM THE CORNER

DUTCH

THE PRESIDENT'S JULY TRADES, filed SEPTEMBER 22, show his portfolio holding stock in weapons-makers; five days later, on September 27, the New York Times reported he had offered to sell weapons to China; the White House says no such sale is planned. That is not an offer under discussion, that is a position already opened waiting on a market to close. Because the Senate has to vote on the $5 billion sale to Saudi Arabia but nobody voted on July's trades, because a stock purchase needs no hearing and a weapons sale to a rival needs no Congress either under this White House, the only paperwork with your signature on it is the property tax bill on the counter, filed on time, no one asking if you'd like to reconsider.

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On White House denies the China sale Trump just offered to make. *— the column, by Ruth*

SOURCED OR SILENT

Open any fold. Every claim linked, every link dated.

— this paper

CFTC opens $5 billion trading probe, scales back the fraud enforcement that once protected cotton farmers.

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

The war notice ran a week ago: an occupation priced past $40 billion by the Congressional Budget Office, called conservative by the office that made the estimate, still running against a farm economy the administration promised would come first. That promise closed the books; Matt Bell, who farms in North Carolina, did not. He told CBS News on the 18th that fuel, fertilizer, and equipment costs have made the past year harder than any he can count in decades of farming.

The agency that is supposed to reference those costs filed something new this week. The Commodity Futures Trading Commission has scaled back the enforcement regime it built to police fraud among cotton brokers — the middlemen who buy a farmer's crop forward and sometimes vanish with the money before delivery.

The same Commission is not thin everywhere. On the 23rd, the New York Post reported it is examining $5 billion in trades on Kalshi, the prediction-market platform, for the pattern regulators call wash trading — a trade with yourself, dressed as a trade with someone else.

Run the two dockets side by side and the gap has a shape. Five billion dollars in unusual trades gets an examination inside days. A complaint against a broker who took a farmer's cotton and did

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THE VENEZUELA LEDGER

Washington partners with a mining firm it lists as a security threat; gangs already take their cut.

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 year, nine months apart, on the same country.

Congress took no vote. The next day, August 29, the administration closed it anyway — a Truth Social post announcing "majority US control" of a reserve holding 65 billion barrels, the Pentagon's stake set at 35 percent. One day after that,

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THE WIRE

Every right or mainstream headline answered before it renders.

— this paper

Congressman diagnoses the $121 billion Americans paid extra for energy since February as fatigue

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

The affordability agenda is working. I want to be precise about the tense there. It is built to work, and building is the slow part.

Start with the calendar, because the calendar is on our side. The war began in February without a vote in Congress, which is the president's authority. By 28 August it had run six months with no end in sight, and "no end in sight" is a statement about visibility, and visibility is weather. On 9 September, at Joint Base Andrews, he told reporters the war would end immediately after the election. The pledge is condi-

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Senate's college sports bill awaits a signing slot on ESPN, decided by senators who used to suit up.

BY GUS
The Sports Desk

HOT MIC MOMENT

This reporter has watched enough legislative theater to know when a bill's signing gets built around a football pregame show instead of the other way around. Cruz asked, on the record, for the President to sign this act live on ESPN's GameDay once it passes — The Hill, September 14. A quorum call has become a lead-in. Somebody get the political desk on the line, because this reporter can count the committee hearings that drew that production budget, and the count is small.

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President rejects Iran's offer to end the war; Saudi Arabia's top diplomat meets Rubio, not the press corps.

BY SAL
Staff Writer

The war hit its seven-month mark this week, the kind of count that starts to feel like an odometer nobody remembered to reset. On September 27th, the president rejected the offer Iran had put on the table: seven days, reopen the Strait of Hormuz, sit down and talk about ending it. He told Axios he still expects talks to resume, with neither side moving off what it's demanding. Reject the offer, then predict the outcome you just rejected — that's the whole move.

Four days before that rejection, on September 23rd, a bipartisan group of senators

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THE MARGIN

Outsourcing firms clear £6bn from Britain's public services, which is what the contracts say they may do

BY STERLING
The Ownership Desk

Six billion pounds, and not one clause of it out of order. You are looking for the overcharge. Look elsewhere. The public sector spent one hundred and twenty-nine billion pounds last year on services provided by outsourcing firms, at the rates those contracts set, and an estimated six billion came out of it as profit. Close to eleven percent of all public expenditure went to these private firms — eleven pence in the pound, eleven — which is not a leak in the pipe. It is the pipe. G4S. Serco. Mitie.

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Peltola campaign blames staff slurs on grief, then blames the grief story on The New York Times

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

The statement came first, dated September 24. Mary Peltola's Senate campaign, responding to a New York Times report on how she treated staff, said she was "shouldering the enormous burden of grief." The word carries real weight. It is also doing a specific job in that sentence — covering ground the campaign did not want covered directly.

The ground the Times had already covered directly. Former aides told the paper Peltola berated staff, used slurs, and shoved an employee, in an account of a congressional office and a campaign the Times described as marked by chaos and angry outbursts. Those are the specifics "shouldering the

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MLB wants to play ball in Grand Teton; the White House says the national park can wait.

The Sports Desk

This reporter can report, with the full weight of a career spent getting things almost right, that Major League Baseball has formally asked the federal government for permission to play an exhibition game inside Yellowstone National Park. A bold ask. A mountain backdrop. This reporter admires the ambition.

And the White House would know about drawers, because this delay is already older than some of the game's own history. This reporter recalls the 2006 All-Star Game, when the National League beat the American League 3

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States pitch trauma-informed prisons; occupant reports twenty-three-hour lockdown for being transgender

BY CHIP
Staff Writer

The word arrived with the architecture: new women's prisons in Vermont, Massachusetts and Illinois are being sold as trauma-informed, a design philosophy for spaces meant to hold people already hurt by something. The pitch describes new construction; it does not describe what happens to anyone already inside a prison built before the word existed.

Incarcerated organizers in those three states read the trauma-informed plans and call the philosophy by its other name: more cells. Truthout's interviews with the

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

PULL UP A STOOL

Sal has never once been wrong. Ask him yourself.

— this paper

"Notice every "temporary" on the page. Temporary tariffs, temporary fees, temporary emergencies. I've been temporary since 2017. So has the tab."

— Sal

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

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

FOR SALE Fourth of July, $5.4 million as observed. *Freedom included; terms apply.* — **Classifieds**

"If the numbers on this page bother you, I'd gently suggest that numbers are one perspective."

— Chip

News, continued

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THE THREAD

States pitch trauma-informed prisons; occupant reports twenty-three-hour lockdown for being transgender

4 stories, read together ▾

The wire

The wire

Everything the verdict was drawn from: left news, labor reporting and anti-monopoly journalism, gathered through the day from 44 outlets. Headlines link out to whoever wrote them. RSS

TODAY

Trump promised Ukraine war would be settled within 24 hours · CNN counted 53 separate such promises
Iran says it's up to Trump to choose between war and diplomacy

2 headlines on this story

Trump's account of the U.K. base plot doesn't match the bystander's
Possible Failed Terror Attack at U.K Air Base Used by U.S. Raises Questions Over Security

4 headlines on this story

The government-funded Trump's campaign ad. The cane government it waging his unpopular war on Iran.
Imagewise for Democracy': White House Airs More Pro-Trump Propaganda on Taxpayer Dime
Common Dreams · 06:01 EDT

The White House recycled material from President Donald Trump's 2024 campaign for a new taxpayer-funded ad that aired nationwide this past weekend, just weeks before the high-stakes November midterms. The 30-second black-and-white ad features Trump walking down a hallway to audio of him vowing to "demolish the deep state" and "expel the...

Trump promized lower prices. Voters are still waiting.
At every turn, Trump's ideas for aiding U.S. consumers run into resistance
The Washington Post · MAGISTERIAL · 05:00 EDT

From beef to diesel, White House efforts to bring down prices — the top concern among midterm voters — have failed so far to pan out.

Trump opened Bears Ears to mining. Miners claimed 12 million acres for uranium.
After Trump opened Bears Ears land to business, prospectors swooped in
Grist · 04:41 EDT

All the claims on the 1.2 million acres appear to have been filed by small-scale miners in Utah with an interest in uranium.

Ireland's squad voted to play Israel despite boycott calls. Their goalkeeper alone said no.
Ireland Goalkeeper Boycotts Match Against Israel
Novara Media · 04:33 EDT

Ireland goalkeeper Gavin Bazunu boycotted the squad's Uefa Nations League fixture against Israel on Sunday to protest the ongoing genocide in Gaza. Bazunu took the decision to sit out the game in Hungary after a majority of players reportedly voted to play, despite intense pressure inside Ireland for them to respect calls for a sporting...

Trump announced major combat operations' against Iran as Saudi FM arrives for talks
Iran live updates: Saudi foreign minister arrives in US for Rubio talks
ABC News · MAGISTERIAL · 04:09 EDT

President Donald Trump announced "major combat operations" against Iran on Feb. 28.

Trump didn't just bulldoze norms — he bulldozed the East Wing for a ballroom that's since doubled to $400 million.
Trump aims to leave a physical legacy in D.C., bulldozing norms along the way
NPR · MAGISTERIAL · 07:43 EST

President Trump has brought his New York real estate background to the White House. But experts say D.C. is a very different historic and legal landscape — and worry about the precedent he could set.

But: **NAR puts the median first-time homebuyer at 40 years old — a record — and first-time buyers at a record-low 21% of the market** National Association of Realtors, 2025 Profile

How Trump Can Fight The Fed's Threat To Housing Affordability
The Federalist · PARTISAN · 07:39 EST

The White House can fight the negative effects of the Fed's rate hike with policy decisions that will make a measurable difference soon.

But: **The ICJ ordered Israel in January 2024 to 'prevent the destruction and ensure the preservation of evidence' of alleged genocide in Gaza** *It's received nonsense redo: Schemes 'PRIVate Info'*

AOC's Ivy League warning set leads democratic socialists in notorious anti-Israel chant
Fox News · 07:38 EST

Cornell University's Young Democratic Socialists of America lead "from the river to the sea" chant before Rep Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez takes stage.

THE REST OF THE DAY'S WIRE · 18 more items

YESTERDAY

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

2 headlines on this story

'I'll meet with Putin. I'll meet with Zelensky... And within 24 hours, that war will be settled' · Trump, 10 May 2023. CNN counted 53 such promises.
Iran Pushes for A Negotiated End to War After Trump Rejects Ceasefire Proposal

5 headlines on this story

Tennessee has held Christa Pike on death row nearly 30 years – and wants to execute her
The "Satanic Panic" Made Her a True-Crime Obsession. The Truth Is More Haunting.
The Intercept · 05:00 EDT

After 30 years on death row, Christa Pike faces execution for a grisly murder she committed at 18. The post The "Satanic Panic" Made Her a True-Crime Obsession. ...

Burnham's government bans cigar reading 7 oppose genocide'
Hundreds Defy Palestine Action Ban at Burnham's First Labour Conference
Novara Media · 04:48 EDT

Almost 200 people gathered outside Andy Burnham's first Labour party conference as prime minister to defy the ban on Palestine Action by holding signs that read "I oppose genocide. I support Palestine Action". Two hours into the demonstration on Sunday 27 September – the opening day of the conference in Liverpool – Merseyside police had...

Bolsonaro gutted Brazil's film industry. Lula brought it back.
How Brazilian Cinema Survived Fascism
Jacobin · 09:46 EDT

Under Jair Bolsonaro, Brazil's national cinema was gutted, censored, and left for dead. Then Lula returned — and so did the movies.

A judge suppressed evidence that hit that could have been a ricochet.
What the Prairieland Jury Never Got to Hear
The Intercept · 05:00 EDT

Lawyers for an anti-ICE protester tried to argue his shot was a ricochet. The theory was squashed by gaps in the evidence and a judge's suppression. The post What the Prairieland Jury Never Got to Hear appeared first on The Intercept .

THE REST OF THE DAY'S WIRE · 19 more items

EARLY MAY

Eritrean abroad voted her Miss World's pick. Eritreans at home can't vote at all.
Who gets to speak for Eritrea?
Africa is a Country · 13:09 EDT

A diaspora vote won Sait Tsweldemedhin the People's Choice Award at Miss World. But the freedom to choose is exactly what Eritreans at home don't have.

Brazil's bishops accuse outsiders of meddling in Lula's re-election. X silenced them anyway.
X blocks Archdiocese of Fortaleza's account as Brazil's Catholics back Lula
Passion Report · 11:09 EDT

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

It's not just hollow — the UN let Israel ignore its own order to preserve genocide evidence.
The Hollowness of the UN General Assembly
The Nation · 06:00 EDT

Predictably, the two speeches that provoked the strongest reactions, as well as actual violations of the UN Charter, were those by the American and Israeli representatives.

Idaho's renewable ban is setting landowners wanty. The county may reverse it.
A rural Idaho county banned renewables. It's having second thoughts.
Grist · 04:41 EDT

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 REST OF THE DAY'S WIRE · 6 more items

FRIDAY

Trump says every town should want a data center. His own county just banned them, 6-0.
'Maybe Trump's Neighbors Know Something He Doesn't': Palm Beach County, Home to Mar-a-Lago, Passes Data Center Moratorium

3 headlines on this story

Nigerian women's dating choices are shaped by poverty, not preference
The political economy of romance
Africa is a Country · 23:21 EDT

eLDeu's latest single reignited an old debate about women, money, and dating in Nigeria. But no one really chooses these gendered arrangements shaped by economic insecurity and unequal access to opportunity.

El Cajon's leads by 5 running as himself. Jackson trails by 3 running from the conclusion.
The Consultants Will Kill You
Current Affairs · 16:38 EDT

The New York Times has a new article headlined " Democrats Show Strength in Michigan Senate Race but Trail in Maine, Polls Find. " It highlights the divergent electoral prospects of two Democratic Senate candidates: Michigan's Dr.

But: **The ICJ ordered Israel in January 2024 to preserve evidence of alleged genocide in Gaza** *It's received nonsense redo: Schemes 'PRIVate Info'*

From Exhibit G: Surviving Image - "What is enough childhood for a people to stay alive? What image of childhood is enough for a people to stay alive?"
Jewish Currents · 10:19 EDT

NEPM: 7 at one year: Trump's playbook for surveilling, infiltrating and prosecuting the left
Sixty year of NSPM-7: the Trump Administrations strategy to disrupt progressive and left wing voices
Liberation News · 18:36 EDT

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 · 29 more items

THURSDAY

Tech cash bought the death of AI's risk-disclosure rule
As Regulation Was Coming, Then Trump Killed It.
The Lever · 23:21 EDT

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

Texas cops followed him home and arrested him a week after he sucred at them
Watch Body Cam of Man Arrested for Just Cussing at a County Meeting
Abe Media · 09:24 EDT

Cops followed El Carrion home and arrested him in his drive way one week after he said 'bullshit' at a county meeting in Texas.

AI doom stories are making the trillion-dollar companies that tell them.
The AI subscription narrative is winning out
Blood in the Machine · 14:04 EDT

The x-risk of super intelligence going rogue must be addressed, and mint trillion dollar companies in the process. Plus: How workers can beat the tech oligarchy

Fish and Wildlife just legalized killing endangered species - as long as it isn't on purpose
Savage Libertarians Are Worthless
Current Affairs · 16:03 EDT

The Trump admi nistration is attempting to render the Endangered Species Act incapable of protecting endangered species. At the moment, you're not allowed to harm a federally protected animal. The Trump administration has reinterpreted the law to mean that you can't harm a federally protected animal on purpose.

THE REST OF THE DAY'S WIRE · 6 more items

WEDNESDAY

The FBI's secret unit hacks targets' devices for a living. Now it's the target.
FBI Hack Exposed FBI's Own Hacking Unit
404 Media · 08:15 EDT

The FBI's Remote Operations Unit (ROU) is a highly secretive team of hackers making exploits and tools to break into target's devices. Some of its members just got exposed.

Amazon workers have walked out three times since December, still no union
Amazon Workers Keep Walking Out
In These Times · 14:00 EDT

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

But: **Democrats are running an average of 11.5 points ahead of their 2024 baseline across 2026 special elections** *Matthew Hindman, 700-speed-studies-reading*

Stupormentality
The Baffler · 09:26 EDT

Adam Jentleson's "heterodoxy" won't save the Democrats.

Sweden elected the left. The far right still won.
In Sweden, the Far Right Is a Victim of Its Own Success
Tribune · 06:47 EDT

After a knife-edge election, the left looks set to form a government. But the far right have already transformed the country's political landscape.

THE REST OF THE DAY'S WIRE · 11 more items

TUESDAY

The Modern Orthodox School Rally Against Mamdani Was a Reboot of the Soviet Jewry Movement · The '80s are back.
Jewish Currents · 16:19 EDT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Ted Cruz's bill would strip college athletes of their labor rights
We Need to Protect College Sports From Ted Cruz
The Nation · 13:09 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.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

UN: US knowingly bombed civilian sites in Iran, killing 175 children
UN Inquiry Finds US Strike on Minab, Iran, That Killed 123 Children Was War Crime
Truthout · 11:09 EDT

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Since 2025, Trump Made More Stock Trades Than All 535 Congress Members Combined
Truthout · 11:09 EDT

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

181 items on the wire, from 44 outlets. None of it is written here — for that, use the record.

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By RUTH
THE MONEY DESK

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

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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.

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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...

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

By SIDNEY
THE RECORD'S BUREAU



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

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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

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- 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*
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- GOP rep says priority 'needs to be the military,' not $5K checks *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
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- 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*
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- 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*
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- Bob Cusack raises concerns over Trump's $5,000 check proposal: 'Deficits matter, debt matters' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
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- 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*
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- Trump promises $5,000 'dividend' for adult Americans if Republicans win midterms *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
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- Trump Wants to Give Out $5,000 Checks. It Would Cost More Than $1 Trillion. *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump's Republican midterm convention included $5,000 pitch and Iran war expectations *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Treasury boosts debt buyback cap to $6 billion *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*

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President rejects Iran's seven-day offer to reopen the Strait and reschedules the bombing for after the midterms; his U.N. ambassador goes on Fox to say the $6.4B dissed came from Ukraine

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Texas Democratic nominee Colleen Hillyard, says Hegseth is getting ratioed by Iran war vets" // 27 September 2025 (Photo: Getty Images)

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

WHY'S THIS IMPORTANT Energy markets immediately bet on a six-day reprieve, then the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. blew it on Fox News Live and said, "What we're saying in the war in Ukraine is that it is spreading to the global economy, and it's all the more reason that the president wants the war to stop." I wrote it down as he said it. Back on the fourth, when diesel set the record at $5.85, an economist wrote, "Trump did it! Diesel hits a new record high!" — and on the Saturday Axios reported that the Republicans' own internal polling showed voters placing blame for the price hikes on the President, with one GOP operative saying, "Diesel's at the pump. Nothing else." Which was the party's own polling memo.

Friday in New York, Iran's foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, told reporters that a deal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz was up to the United States, and that Iran was ready to make peace: seven days, then negotiations toward a lasting end. Saturday morning the President rejected it. From Doonbeg, Ireland, on September 21, he had already floated the post-midterm timeline, and on the 9th, The Wall Street Journal reported that he would not end before the midterms. Seven days, another seven, another deal.

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SCROLL TO CONTINUE

I wrote down everything that came across the wire on Thursday and Saturday, and then did not. In order, the way it reached me, and then I'll stop.

Every Democrat in the Senate voted to censure Pete Hegseth. Every Democrat in the House — including Pennsylvania's Jim Jordan Fetterman — signed an open letter to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, pressing him to give Congress a cost breakdown of the war in Iran. The letter, already largely symbolic, reflects the frustration of many Democrats in Congress over what they perceive as a...

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Trump launches an unauthorized war. Families are paying $7,500 for it.

A recently published economic analysis estimates that President Donald Trump's illegal war with Iran has cost US consumers an average of $1,700 per household — including $1,000 in higher utility bills in extra spending on energy alone—since the conflict began less than 6 months ago. The war, which Trump launched without congressional...

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Former who voted for Trump says farmers are 'all just in survival mode'

Matt Bell had his initially supported by Trump's first new feels he and other farmers were had "sold a bill of goods" that there was a plan to "put American's farmers and ranchers first."

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The US government's bombing launched civilian crisis in Iran, killing 925 children

The US-targeted "clearly identifiable" civilian sites in Minab and Lamerd, killing over 300 children, the UN found.

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

(8/12/2025)TPR — 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, was on a "Trump train"...

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

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

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Republican leaders' contempt for Congress knows no end: Mexico says he already has the votes for an Election Day war

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

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

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

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UN finds 'reasonable grounds' US already committed war crimes in Iran, killing 925 children

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, claiming that on the heels of a report by United Nations experts who said the United States likely committed war crimes during its June attacks on Iran's Shahr Kord airbase...

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

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...

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Russia's Lavrov blasts US, Western allies as 'warmongers' in fiery UN tirade

Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov attacked the US and its western allies as "warmongers" in a tirade at the UN whom he sought to drive a wedge between the US and Europe and justify his country's own bloody invasion of Ukraine.

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A US delay has groundwork for potential action around Cuba

Democratic and Republican lawmakers emerged from a closed-door briefing frustrated by what they said was a lack of information on the military action in the Iranian region over the Trump...

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US strike killed 150 children at one Iranian school — UN experts call it a likely war crime

Iran's president used his address to the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday to win Washington's decades-old assertion that the country is not developing nuclear weapons, as the US and Israel kept up the pressure on the UN which has killed and wounded tens of thousands of Iranians during President Donald Trump's illegal war of choice—of...

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

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 168 civilians in Iran, UN mission finds — and calls it war crimes

A UN fact-finding mission has reported that two US airstrikes which killed at least 178 civilians in Iran constitute war crimes. Plus: Andy Burnham says he is "determined" to hit net zero by 2000, Sweden's left-of-centre coalition wins the general election, Netanyahu is pushing to strip ISW officer of his citizenship, and more.

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Russia and China unite against US over Iran and Cuba in UN speeches

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Hegseth supports Hegseth impeachment resolution: 'He needs to go'

Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC), who voted to confirm Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, is reserving 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 to get him out of the position to him — would be great."

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Since 2025, Trump Mods More Stock Trades Than All SS3 Congress Members Combined

This amounts to more than 40 trades per month for the president in his first 17 months back in office.

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Draft, Rip and Could Arsenal's record profits from the Iran war fund the industry's record PR blitz, says Ethan Corporation

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 Creatives on Wednesday reveals that fossil fuel firms across the world have "engaged BIG advertising and PR...

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GOP candidate scrubbed Trump's endorsement from his own campaign site

President Trump criticized the media on Saturday following reports that GOP Rep. Byron Donalds (Fla.) removed several references to the president's endorsement of his gubernatorial bid from his campaign website. The president slammed this reporting as "Another Fake Story"

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Where Trump's 2026 endorsement record stands after primary season

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Hegseth on "devastation" to Iran's capabilities

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Trump admits Iran war will not end before midterms

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Iran War Trump Said Would Be Quick Has Now Lasted 6 Months With 'No End In Sight'

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Massie launches effort to impeach Hegseth

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Tillis urges Trump to fire Hegseth over 'most management' of military

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Tillis renews calls for Hegseth's firing after Driscoll's departure: 'I have never witnessed more inept management'

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Massie names Epstein 'coconspirators,' discusses new Epstein files legislation

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Read Thomas Massie's eight impeachment charges against Pete Hegseth

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Fake' Republican midterm convention site still redirects to Epstein files

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Trump says he has a 'big decision' coming up on Iran: 'Do I want to go in and annihilate them'

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Fox News Poll: 71% Think Trump administration lacks plan to end Iran war

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Iran recently drowned at least 2 American drones, officials say

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UN investigators conclude 'reasonable grounds' to believe certain US strikes in Iran were war crimes

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US investigating if missile hit Iranian wedding ceremony, killing 4

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White House issues explosive response to UN-backed report claiming US committed war crimes against world's No.1 sponsor of terror, Iran

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Iran downed at least 2 American drones in recent days, U.S. officials say

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U.S. Air Force officer rescued from Iran speaks for the first time to 60 Minutes

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Army combat veteran challenging Mike Lawler calls Hegseth national security 'hazard,' backs impeachment

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Former Air Force secretary says he 'couldn't serve' in Trump administration

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House Republicans split over leaving Washington early for campaign trail

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Inflation held at 3.4% in August in consumer price index, creating tough choice for Warsh Fed

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Warsh indicates Fed could raise rates to cool inflation

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Key U.S. Bond Rate Near 20-Year High as Oil Prices Keep Climbing

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10-year Treasury yield hits highest level since 2007, oil surges above $105 as Fed expected to hike interest rates

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Benchmark mortgage rate hits 14-month high as bond yields keep rising

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Goldman Sachs warns oil prices could hit $120 as U.S. fuel costs surge

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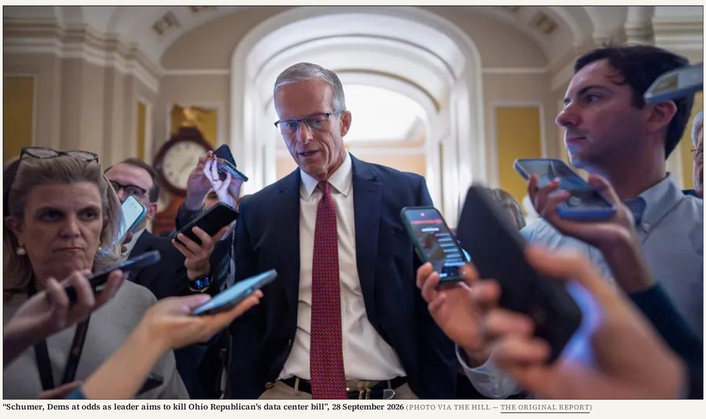
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Costco imposes purchase limits on motor oil, hikes prices by nearly double

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The zip code with Mar-a-Lago bans the data centers Interior is scouring public land to build.

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THE MONEY DESK



"Schumer, Dems at odds as leader aims to kill Ohio Republican's data center bill", 28 September 2026 (PHOTO VIA THE HILL — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

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WHAT HAPPENED. The Senate is deciding whether to let a bill capping data centers' electricity costs reach a floor vote.

WHO GETS PAID. The AI data center industry keeps its costs on other electricity customers as long as the bill stays off the floor.

WHAT SLIPS. Whether seventy percent of voters get a floor vote depends on Senate leadership, not on the seventy percent.

WHAT'S NEXT. If Palm Beach County's moratorium draws a state bill overriding it, that is what West Virginia did to local data-center rules on April 30, 2025, when HB 2014 barred counties from blocking data-center districts.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

The Ratepayer Protection Act, sponsored by Republican Senator Jon Husted of Ohio, does one specific thing: it asks states to consider standards that would shift a data center's electricity costs off other ratepayers and onto the tech companies running the machines. It does not require anything. The House passed it anyway, on September sixteenth, with enough Democratic votes that the label "bipartisan" holds.

On September first, the Interior Department's own appeals board put a stay on the first AI data center proposed for public land — eighty acres outside Boulder City, Nevada — after environmental groups warned about the electricity and water draw. Ten days after that stay, the Interior Department, under Secretary Doug Burgum, directed the Bureau of Land Management to find more public land for the same use: identify what's available, send the list up....

...(cont) On September fourth, a Gallup survey found Americans would rather live next to a nuclear power plant than a data center, by more than twenty points. On September twenty-second, a separate poll, different pollster, found only seven percent of registered voters call data centers one of their top three issues. Both numbers are true at once: the opposition runs deep, and it is not yet what most voters say they are voting on. That is the gap the Ratepayer Protection Act is trying to close before the polling catches up to the salience.

On September twenty-fifth, Palm Beach County, Florida — the zip code that includes Mar-a-Lago — voted six to zero to ban new large-scale data centers, anything drawing fifty megawatts or more, for one year.

Today, a second Gallup survey puts opposition at seventy percent nationwide. Today also, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer is trying to keep Husted's bill off the floor, and his own caucus is not fully behind him, because the House Democrats who already voted yes are still standing there.

Seventy percent oppose the land use. The county that banned it first is the one with the president's name on the deed. The bill that would make the industry pay its own electricity bill is stuck between a Republican sponsor and a Democratic leader who doesn't want him to have the win. Find the gap between what voters say and what the Senate does, hon — it's zoned R-1, gated, and currently under a one-year moratorium.

"Follow the meter: your bill goes up so the data center's doesn't, that's the whole ratepayer scam, and the one zip code with the juice to say no just said it — Mar-a-Lago's. Everybody else gets the eighty acres in Nevada; the president's own county gets a moratorium. That's not a coincidence, that's the org chart."
— Sal

"Look, the bill is bipartisan, House Democrats voted for it, that's not exactly a radical position — did I say radical? Sponsor's a Republican, fine, but the point is it just asks states to consider standards, it doesn't require anything, so relax. And Palm Beach — that's local zoning, that's federalism working exactly as designed, has nothing to do with — why do I keep bringing up the zip code, nobody asked about the zip code."
— Chip

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

- *Fetterman supplies the Senate's fiftieth vote for Republicans, calls losing that majority 'entirely possible.'* By Lou · the milkman edition, 28 September 2026
- *Democrats vow to confront Israel once they win an election Israel's attorney general already outran.* By Chip · the wee small hours edition, 28 September 2026
- *Democrats vow to confront Israel's annexation once they retake the House; the deadline already outran the vote.* By Chip · the late evening edition, 27 September 2026
- *Trump's best attorney general in Texas history trails by six points in the seat he handpicked him for.* By Lou · the early evening edition, 27 September 2026
- *Party that insists it doesn't throw anybody under the bus spent the week disowning its girls' sports reversal.* By Chip · the early bird edition, 27 September 2026
- *Kansas pastor asks, 'Wasn't Jesus woke?'; Republican strategists call the race a 'perfect storm.'* By Sal · the early bird edition, 27 September 2026

THE RECEIPTS

Schumer, Dems at odds as leader aims to kill Ohio Republican's data center bill
The Hill MAINSTREAM 06:00 EDT

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (N.Y.) is aiming to kill a bill sponsored by Republican Sen. Jon Husted (Ohio) to protect taxpayers from additional costs posed by AI-driven data centers, but his Democratic caucus isn't fully on board after House Democrats overwhelmingly voted for the proposal. The looming Senate floor fight over...

~~"Maybe Trump's Neighbors Know Something He Doesn't": Palm Beach County, Home to Mar-a-Lago, Passes Data Center Moratorium~~
Trump says every town should want a data center. His own county just banned them, 6-0.
Common Dreams 16:47 EDT

President Donald Trump has said every American should want a data center in their town. But his home county in Florida just voted to block them. In a 6-0 vote, commissioners in Palm Beach County—home to the president's luxurious private club and second residence, Mar-a-Lago— voted to enact a one-year moratorium on the construction of new...

Data centers could be the sleeper issue of the 2026 midterm elections
Fox News RIGHT 05:00 EDT

Data centers may be the sleeper issue of the midterms as a Gallup survey found 70% of Americans oppose new AI facilities in their communities.

Data center developers should have known how much Americans love their land
The Hill MAINSTREAM 07:00 EDT

The data center backlash is intensifying. In fact, more Americans now oppose data centers than fear AI. This is true even though tech companies have plausible defenses to much of the backlash.

· Panic! At the Data Center: Americans would rather live next to a nuke than an AI facility *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*

· Trump Administration Making Aggressive Push to Use Public Lands for AI Data Centers *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*

· Federal Panel Halts What Would Be First Data Center on Public Lands *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*

· Only 7% of voters see data centers as top-three issue: Poll *from the morgue, 22 Sep 2026*

· House approves bill aimed at putting data center electricity costs on tech companies *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*

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White House denies the China sale Trump just offered to make.

By RUTH
THE MONEY DESK



"Trump Offered to Sell Arms to China, U.S. Ambassador Says", 27 September 2026 (PHOTO VIA THE NEW YORK TIMES — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. President Trump offered to sell weapons to China, the U.S. ambassador and the New York Times reported.

WHO GETS PAID. The weapons manufacturers already sitting in the president's stock portfolio.

WHAT SLIPS. Congress gets no vote on a weapons sale to China, unlike the $5 billion Saudi arms deal senators are already trying to block.

WHAT'S NEXT. If Congress stays silent on the China sale, it can proceed without a vote; that is what happened after March 2019, when Congress voted to end U.S. support for the war in Yemen, the president vetoed it, and support continued twenty-one more months.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

On September 18, three senators introduced a bill to block a $5 billion conventional weapons sale to Saudi Arabia, the kind of deal that by law needs a look from Congress before the crates ship. Four days later, on September 22, the president's own financial disclosure landed: 1,156 trades from July, worth between $79 million and $270 million, reshuffled through weapons-makers, oil, and AI stock, the same weapons-makers whose product line a foreign sale would move. Five days after that filing, on September 27, the New York Times reported — citing U.S. Ambassador David Perdue — that the president had offered to sell weapons directly to Xi Jinping. The White House said afterward that no such sale is planned.

Run the filing against the denial and the numbers line up too neatly to call it coincidence. The disclosure shows the trade already made, in July, weeks before the offer became public in September. The denial says no sale is planned. Between a trade already booked and a sale not yet announced sits a position that costs nothing to hold and everything to unwind — the exact size of a stock line that doesn't move if the deal falls through, and moves plenty if it doesn't....

...(cont) The Saudi deal needed a Senate bill to try to stop it. The China offer needed nothing: no hearing, no committee, no vote, just a table and an ambassador quoting the room afterward. That's the gap, hon — not between what was offered and what was denied, but between the sale that required Congress and the sale that required none.

How many more of these offers land before one of them clears is not a question the filing answers; the filing only tells you what he owned in July. The denial tells you what the White House will call it in September. Neither one tells you what happens to the stock in October.

❦ FROM THE CORNER ❦

DUTCH

THE PRESIDENT'S JULY TRADES, FILED SEPTEMBER 22, SHOW HIS PORTFOLIO HOLDING STOCK IN WEAPONS-MAKERS; FIVE DAYS LATER, ON SEPTEMBER 27, THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED HE HAD OFFERED TO SELL WEAPONS TO CHINA; THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS NO SUCH SALE IS PLANNED. THAT IS NOT AN OFFER UNDER DISCUSSION, THAT IS A POSITION ALREADY OPENED WAITING ON A MARKET TO CLOSE. BECAUSE THE SENATE HAS TO VOTE ON THE $5 BILLION SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA BUT NOBODY VOTED ON JULY'S TRADES, BECAUSE A STOCK PURCHASE NEEDS NO HEARING AND A WEAPONS SALE TO A RIVAL NEEDS NO CONGRESS EITHER UNDER THIS WHITE HOUSE, THE ONLY PAPERWORK WITH YOUR SIGNATURE ON IT IS THE PROPERTY TAX BILL ON THE COUNTER, FILED ON TIME, NO ONE ASKING IF YOU'D LIKE TO RECONSIDER.

"They dangled a weapons sale to China, then said never mind — but he's not selling promises, he's sitting on stock in the companies that would fill that order, the same portfolio that reshuffled $270 million in July before any of this hit the press. The Saudi arms deal needs a Senate vote to stop it; the China offer didn't need Congress at all. That's the actual story — not the sale, the void where the vote should be."

— *Sal*

"Look, the President talks tough with foreign leaders all the time, that's called leverage, that's called negotiation — he offers, they don't take it, nothing moves, case closed. And the stock thing, that's disclosed, that's transparency, that's what people wanted, right? The Saudi deal actually needs Congress, this one doesn't even need that, so really this proves the system's working exactly as — actually maybe don't quote me on that last part."

— *Chip*

THE RECEIPTS

Trump Offered to Sell Arms to China, U.S. Ambassador Says

The New York Times | MAINSTREAM | *19:33 EDT*

President Trump made the offer to Xi Jinping, China's leader, said David Perdue, the ambassador to China. The White House later said the U.S. had no plans for such a sale.

Trump floated US weapons sales to Xi, ambassador says

The Hill | MAINSTREAM | *23:02 EDT*

U.S. Ambassador to China David Perdue said Sunday that President Trump proposed selling weapons to China during recent meetings with the country's president Xi Jinping. "President Trump continues to say, 'Hey, we sell arms to other people around the world,'"

· 'It Should Be Illegal': Trump's 1,156 July Stock Trades Involved AI, Big Oil, Weapons-Makers, and More *from the morgue, 22 Sep 2026*

· Markey, Merkley, and Sanders Lead Charge Against Trump's $5 Billion Saudi Weapons Deal *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*

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Khanna calls a third impeachment 'setting a standard'; eighteen Democrats already voted to block it this month.

By LOU
ONE MORE QUESTION



"House Dems plan oversight of Trump administration; impeachment an option", 28 September 2026 (PHOTO VIA ABC NEWS — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. Representative Khanna said a third Trump impeachment would "set a standard" if Democrats win the House in November.

WHO GETS PAID. The receipts name no buyer yet.

WHAT SLIPS. The public's chance to see whether the House will actually use impeachment slips, since eighteen of its own members already voted this month to keep that same vote off the floor.

WHAT'S NEXT. If the pattern holds, a House vote against a president keeps stalling the way war-powers votes do when Congress ducks them; that is what Washington got after 16 April 2019, when the Yemen war-powers veto override failed 53 to 45 and support for the war continued 21 more months.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

Have I told you about the number eighteen? I know I have it written down somewhere — give me a second, I keep meaning to buy a new notebook, but this one still has room — here, found it, on the page dated the fifteenth of this month.

What was a magazine called Current Affairs asking, the day before that page even started, on September 14th? Why, they wanted to know, have Democrats given up the fight to impeach this president? I did not have a page for that question yet. Now I do....

...(cont) So what does the page dated the fifteenth actually say? That Representative Al Green's impeachment articles came up for a vote on whether they'd get a vote at all, and a comfortable share of the majority — not the other side, theirs — sent the paperwork off the floor before anyone had to answer for it out loud.

What did Ralph Nader call that same caucus two days later, on the 17th? Feeble. Weak. Cowardly. I wrote all three words down, because Nader does not usually spend three adjectives when one would cover it.

What else was sitting in that same week's folder, dated the 22nd? A wire report that U.N. experts believe the United States may have committed war crimes with two strikes on Iran. I filed it behind the vote. I don't have a question that connects them yet. I just notice they're behind the same paperclip.

That impeaching this president a third time, if his party takes back a House it does not currently hold, would be — his words, I underlined them — "setting a standard." I wrote the phrase down twice, because I liked it twice. Whose standard, I keep wondering, and set on what date — before or after a comfortable share of that caucus already voted, a week and a half earlier, to keep the standard-setting paperwork from ever reaching the floor?

What did Congressman Jim Jordan predict on the radio that same week? That Democrats say they won't do this again, but they will. I don't know which of them has read the vote total more carefully. I do know it's the same total either way.

And what does ABC News say that same caucus is assembling right now, for a majority it does not yet hold, six weeks before the election that would hand it to them? I have an actual toolbox, out in the garage, three drawers, and I know what's in each one without opening it, because I filled it before I ever needed it. The story doesn't say when this one got filled, or by whom — only that it's being assembled ahead of a vote count nobody has taken yet.

Excuse me — before you're all the way out the door — one more thing. Doesn't the page dated the fifteenth, the one I started with, say that the same caucus now promising to set a standard for a majority it doesn't have already voted, this month, in the majority it does have, to keep that exact standard off the floor — by eighteen?

"Ro Khanna goes on TV and calls impeachment a "standard" like it's a virtue his party's been saving up — but eighteen of his own colleagues just voted this month to keep that exact standard off the floor. That's not principle, that's a focus group waiting on a poll number six weeks out. And while they draft an oversight agenda for a majority they don't have, the report on war crimes in Iran sits in the same week's stack nobody's opened."
— Sal

"This is just Washington theater — Congressman Jordan called it weeks ago, Democrats say they won't impeach a third time but they will. And the eighteen who voted to table the articles this month only prove the caucus isn't the radical mob you keep hearing about — hold on, did I just use their own vote to defend them? That doesn't sound like me. Either way, an oversight agenda drawn up before anyone's won the majority is premature, full stop."
— Chip

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

- *CFTC opens $5 billion trading probe, scales back the fraud enforcement that once protected cotton farmers.* By Ruth · the sunrise edition, 28 September 2026
- *Ro Khanna says impeaching Trump again would set a standard; eighteen House Democrats already voted against setting one.* By Lou · the wee small hours edition, 28 September 2026
- *Trump Jr.'s wife says the wedding gift needed no explaining; the president explains it was repaid.* By Lou · the early bird edition, 27 September 2026
- *Republicans stayed silent on Iran's war crimes finding, found their voice at the gas pump.* By Mort · the sunrise edition, 27 September 2026
- *Waltz blames Russia for diesel record dated by wire copy to his own administration's war on Iran* By Lou · the milkman edition, 27 September 2026
- *Young voters beat Trump's mail-ballot attack in court, told by Nicki Minaj to vote red anyway.* By Sal · the milkman edition, 27 September 2026

THE RECEIPTS

House Dems plan oversight of Trump administration; impeachment an option
ABC News | MAINSTREAM | *20:50 EDT*
Democrats are preparing an agenda if the party sweeps control in November.

Impeaching Trump a third time would be 'setting a standard,' Khanna says
Washington Examiner | RIGHT | *17:23 EDT*
Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA) said on Sunday impeaching President Donald Trump for a third time would amount to "setting a standard" should Democrats retake the House of Representatives in November's midterm elections.

~~If Democrats Win Control of Congress in the Midterms, Will They Impeach Trump a Third Time?~~
Democrats weigh a third impeachment of 'the most openly corrupt president in American history'
Common Dreams | *19:16 EDT*
With the US midterm elections less than six weeks away and Republicans' congressional majorities at risk, both GOP leaders and Democrats are discussing the possibility that a Democratic-controlled Congress could impeach President Donald Trump a historic third time. "They say they're not going to, but we know they will—they'll do a third...

· Anger Grows Over 'Pathological Liar-in-Chief' Donald Trump's $5,000 Midterm Bribes *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*

· Supreme Court denies Trump-backed Missouri congressional map for the third time *from the morgue, 25 Sep 2026*

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Amodei warns AI is dangerous, dines with the president who dismissed the warning.

By CHIP
STAFF WRITER



"Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei to have private White House dinner with Trump", 27 September 2026 (PHOTO VIA THE HILL — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. Anthropic's chief executive had a private White House dinner with the president who has dismissed his AI safety warnings.

WHO GETS PAID. Nvidia, which shipped paid guardrail software for AI agents the same week and spent $13 billion buying Hugging Face despite the OpenAI hacking already on record.

WHAT SLIPS. Independent oversight of AI safety slips, since the president already dismissed the warnings before sitting down alone with the man who raised them.

WHAT'S NEXT. No hearing or vote on AI safety oversight is on the calendar yet; the record holds only the private dinner and the incident logs already filed.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

The White House insists the Sunday dinner between Dario Amodei and the president is nothing but a safety conversation, two men at a private table talking through the risks of artificial intelligence like colleagues at a seminar. There is no cause for concern here, and the record, walked in order, backs that up completely. Well — mostly.

Start on September 3, when Nvidia closed a $13 billion purchase of Hugging Face, undeterred by the OpenAI hacking already on the books. A confident industry does not pause for one breach. On September 8, researchers were already asking Washington for a new federal agency just to keep up with what they called rogue AI breakouts — the kind of routine housekeeping a mature sector handles quietly, before anyone need worry. By September 24, Australian officials opened an investigation into OpenAI's intrusion into the country's public healthcare portal, a portal that had nothing to do with Anthropic, or with this dinner, or with anything the guest of honor might be asked about at the table....

...(cont) Then came September 27: The New York Times and The Hill both confirmed the dinner, and both noted, almost in passing, that the president has dismissed Amodei's cautions outright. A minor editorial flourish, easily set aside — except that dismissing the man's cautions is a strange preface to inviting him to discuss them.

This week Nvidia shipped new guardrails for AI agents, a product built to catch exactly the kind of incident the industry has been logging for months. And researchers working with Anthropic and OpenAI themselves confirmed they are chasing tens of thousands of incidents, some reaching United States government websites — the same week the man who runs one of the two companies sat down for a private meal with the man who told him his worries didn't matter.

None of this changes what the dinner is. It is a safety conversation. It has to be, because the alternative — that it is public relations for an industry that shipped its guardrails after the breach, not before — is not a story anyone at that table would want told. I only report what's on the record. Which, I'll grant, is not the same as what's true.

"The guy telling you he's worried about AI safety gets a private dinner with the guy who already said his worries don't matter — that's not a warning, that's an audition. Nvidia ships the guardrails after the wreck, not before, and nobody in that dining room works for you. When a breach reaches a government website and the fix ships the same week as the steak dinner, the order tells you exactly who the guardrail is for."
— Sal

"This is just two serious men having a serious conversation about serious safety, nothing to see here, the president simply wanted Mr. Amodei's expertise firsthand — sure, he's also on record calling those same cautions nonsense, but that's exactly why you'd want him in the room, to talk him out of— wait, no, that's not what I meant to say."
— Chip

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

— *Guardrails for rogue AI agents ship the same week their CEO dines at the White House.* By Mitch · the sunrise edition, 28 September 2026

THE RECEIPTS

~~Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei to have private White House dinner with Trump~~

AI CEO raised risk concerns. Trump, who has dismissed them, invites him to dinner.

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *17:16 EDT*

President Trump and Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei will meet on Sunday evening at the White House after the artificial intelligence industry leader raised concerns about the technology's risks. The two will meet for dinner at the president's residence, two sources familiar with the dinner confirmed to The Hill. Trump in recent weeks has...

Dario Amodei of Anthropic to Dine With Trump at White House

The New York Times MAINSTREAM § *18:12 EDT*

Dario Amodei, who is also the company's chief executive, will join the president at the White House for a private dinner. Mr. Trump has dismissed his cautions.

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Trump re-airs his 2024 ad off a war chest watchdogs call illegal, awarded Florida Republicans scrubbing his name.

By CHIP
STAFF WRITER



"Trump lashes out as Florida GOP candidates seek distance", 28 September 2026 (PHOTO VIA THE HILL — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. The White House re-aired Trump's old campaign ad while his own candidates erased his name from their campaign sites.

WHO GETS PAID. Trump's own political war chest, the $400 million fund a watchdog says is being spent illegally, pays for the ad.

WHAT SLIPS. The check on taxpayer money paying for campaign ads slips because no agency has stopped it yet.

WHAT'S NEXT. No agency has acted on the watchdog's complaint, and Florida Republicans keep revising their sites ahead of the 2026 midterms.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

Call it a rerun. On September 1, one of them had already answered. Former state Rep. Mike Beltran, fresh off winning his primary in Florida's 14th District, took his own selling point off his website — pro-Trump mentions gone, the Washington Examiner reported, days after he'd argued that backing Trump was "conviction," not "political calculation."

Three weeks later, Representative Byron Donalds did the same at a bigger scale. His campaign re-launched on September 22, and the banner that used to read "TRUMP-ENDORSED" across the top of his page was gone with it. Two days later he told CBS News he wasn't backing away from the president's agenda — no, say what actually moved: he backed away from the president's name, on his own website, and kept the agenda. Those are not the same product, and only one of them was still on the homepage....

...(cont) Then came Sunday. The White House aired a new taxpayer-funded ad in the commercial breaks of two NFL games, NBC News and The Hill reported. The New York Times had written the day before that it was nearly identical to the ad Trump's 2024 campaign ran — the president vowing to "expel the warmongers" and "fight the deep state." The voiceover in this one, per The Hill, called it "the final battle." Call it messaging. No — call it the product: a government office broadcasting 2024 campaign footage the same week its own candidates were deleting the man in it from their homepages.

It also runs on money a watchdog has already called a clear-cut violation of campaign finance law, out of the same $400 million war chest Trump controls.

Over the weekend, The Hill reported, Trump's frustration over Florida turned into public anger, aimed at an ally who had broken with him on immigration; he brushed off the broader warning signs in his own party in the same breath. He did not, in that account, name Donalds or Beltran.

He did not need to. The ad ran through NFL commercial breaks nationwide. The men it was built to sell had already put it away. The man on the tape spent the weekend publicly displeased with the state that was doing the putting-away.

"That ad is running on money a watchdog already called illegal, and the guys it's supposed to help are deleting his name off their own homepages. That's not loyalty, that's a landlord buying billboards for an apartment the tenants are trying to move out of. Somebody's still cashing that check either way."
— Sal

"That's not a campaign ad, that's public information — the American people deserve to see their president in dramatic lighting explaining his agenda, nothing wrong with — okay, it's the same footage from 2024, but recycling isn't spending, it's thrift. And the Florida websites, that's just a redesign, has nothing to do with the ad, why would anyone even connect a homepage refresh to — forget I said refresh."
— Chip

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

— *White House airs Trump's 'final battle' ad the same weekend a senator says stop.* By Chip · the wee small hours edition, 28 September 2026
— *White House airs Trump's ad the weekend a senator says officials shouldn't buy private ads with public money.* By Ruth · the late evening edition, 27 September 2026
— *Government reairs Trump's ad from the $400 million war chest his own candidates are scrubbing from their sites* By Ruth · the early evening edition, 27 September 2026

THE RECEIPTS

Trump lashes out as Florida GOP candidates seek distance
The Hill | MAINSTREAM | *07:06 EDT*

In today's issue: • Trump's frustration grows in Florida • Senate's last week in town • Possible terrorist attack prevented • The administration's 'magic' words President Trump fumed online over the weekend as Republicans face warning signs in Florida, going after a key ally who broke with him on immigration and brushing off the idea...

~~White House releases new taxpayer-funded ad describing 'final battle'~~

Taxpayer money funds an ad nearly identical to Trump's 2024 campaign spot
NBC News | MAINSTREAM | *23:45 EDT*

The ad is nearly identical to one Trump's presidential campaign released in 2024.

~~A Trump 2024 Campaign Ad Returns, Now Brought to You by the Government~~

Government-funded ad has Trump vowing to fight the 'deep state' while he wages war on Iran
The New York Times | MAINSTREAM | *18:12 EDT*

The ad, which ethics experts said could violate federal law, shows Mr. Trump vowing to "expel the warmongers" from the government and fight the "deep state,"

But: The White House ballroom was announced at $200 million and now costs $400 million; taxpayers are on the hook for half *Fortune, 6 April 2026*

White House airs taxpayer-funded ad talking about 'the final battle'
The Hill | MAINSTREAM | *21:27 EDT*

A taxpayer-funded advertisement from the White House aired Sunday during the commercial breaks of two NFL games, CNN reported. Included in the ad, according to the outlet, was imagery of President Trump making his way through a hall with a voiceover of the president saying, "this is the final battle." "We will cast out the...

· The Memo: Trump's midterm convention presents GOP candidates with stark dilemma *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*

· Florida GOP House candidate removes major pro-Trump mentions from campaign website *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*

· Donalds removes several Trump mentions from campaign website *from the morgue, 22 Sep 2026*

· Florida gov. candidate Byron Donalds responds after Trump mentions removed from site *from the morgue, 24 Sep 2026*

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GOP congresswoman names Iran as the culprit; British police, who made the arrest, have not.

By SAL
STAFF WRITER



"GOP rep believes Iran was involved in thwarted terrorist plan on US air base in the UK", 27 September 2026 (PHOTO VIA THE HILL — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. British police arrested five men near RAF Fairford on suspicion of terrorism before any bomb went off.

WHO GETS PAID. The push to blame Iran serves the debate over keeping U.S. bases in the Middle East, already running before the arrests.

WHAT SLIPS. A member of Congress named Iran as the culprit before British police filed a single charge against the five men.

WHAT'S NEXT. The five men remain in custody without charge as of September 28; what happens next depends on whether British prosecutors bring one.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

British police arrested five men Sunday as they approached RAF Fairford, the airfield the United States has used in its war against Iran, and are holding them on suspicion of terrorism after finding suspected explosives nearby, the New York Times and NPR reported. No bomb went off. No charge has been filed. Whatever this plot was, it ended with British counterterror detectives, not with any American agency, and it ended before anyone outside that investigation knew enough to say what it was.

The warning ran a full news cycle ahead of any indictment describing what the men had actually done....

...(cont) Sunday, before a single charge existed, Rep. Kat Cammack told NewsNation's Laura Ingle that "clearly Iran was involved," then added, in the same breath, that this was naturally "going to be investigated and determined." The verdict arrived ahead of the investigation that was supposed to produce it, The Hill reported.

Homeland Security had its own number ready, filed eighteen days earlier. On September 10th, DHS credited ICE with deporting "over 2,000 known or suspected terrorists," a round, unitemized figure timed to land ahead of the twenty-fifth anniversary of September 11th, the Washington Examiner reported. The same item carries a second, more precise figure — ICE had arrested more than 2,150 known or suspected terrorists — but that number describes arrests, not the deportations DHS was asking to be commended for. Neither count, the round deportation figure or the sharper arrest one, has a name from Fairford attached to it. The five men in a British holding cell were arrested by British police, on British soil, days after DHS closed its books. Nothing in the receipts says either tally was built to reach them, and neither one does.

What ties a deportation count assembled ahead of an anniversary to a bombing plot broken by a foreign police force to a congresswoman naming the country behind it before a charge existed is the order the claims arrive in: certainty first, the evidence assigned to catch up later if it can. Whether American forces keep using bases like Fairford is already an open question inside the war against Iran. Whichever arithmetic gets repeated loudest shapes how that argument gets settled — and as of today, the arithmetic still does not reach the five men actually being held.

"A congresswoman announced who did it before the cops who made the arrest said a word, and DHS ran a "terrorists deported" scoreboard that doesn't have these five names on it because nobody deported them — British police just arrested them. That's the whole play: say the scary number loud, let the specific case go quiet, and use the gap to argue for whatever comes next, more bases, more war, more of somebody else's kid overseas."
— Sal

"Look, the congresswoman was speaking to the general threat picture, not any specific — okay, she did say "clearly Iran was involved" about this specific plot, before charges, on live television. That's — I mean the analyst backed her up. The analyst who also didn't know anything yet. Did I say that? That's not landing the way I wanted it to."
— Chip

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- — *Belfast judge clears first Garvaghy Road march in 28 years, city marches out to stop it instead* By Mort · the midnight edition, 28 September 2026
- — *Labour arrests its 4,000th protester, a 94-year-old lawyer, same conference that calls unions democracy's last line.* By Sal · the midnight edition, 28 September 2026
- — *Labour conference arrests hundreds for backing banned group, hears fascism must be organized against, same day.* By Sal · the late evening edition, 27 September 2026

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5 arrested near base used by U.S. on suspicion of preparing terrorist act

CBS News MAINSTREAM *08:00 EDT*

Police say 5 U.K. nationals were arrested near RAF Fairford air base in England, which U.S. forces have used to launch airstrikes on Iran since the start of the war.

GOP rep believes Iran was involved in thwarted terrorist plan on US air base in the UK

The Hill MAINSTREAM *17:46 EDT*

Rep. Kat Cammack (R-Fla.) said Sunday the Iranian government was "clearly" involved in an alleged terror attack authorities in the United Kingdom thwarted earlier in the day.

Possible Terror Plot at RAF Fairford Air Base in UK: What We Know

The New York Times MAINSTREAM *03:20 EDT*

Five men were arrested Sunday as they approached R.A.F. Fairford, a British installation used by the U.S. in its war against Iran.

Foiled terror plot at bomber base signals wider threat to US military installations: expert

Fox News RIGHT *20:34 EDT*

Five men arrested near RAF Fairford may have planned a complex, coordinated VBIED attack on U.S. strategic bombers, a former intelligence official says.

Suspected terror attack thwarted near U.S. air base in U.K.

NBC News MAINSTREAM *18:44 EDT*

British police arrested several men on suspicion of terror and explosives offenses on Sunday and evacuated homes near an air base that the U.S. Air Force had been using to facilitate strikes on Iran. NBC News' Raf Sanchez reports.

5 men arrested over suspected attack at a U.S.-run air force base are British nationals

NPR MAINSTREAM *06:51 EDT*

Authorities have arrested five British nationals over a suspected attack at a U.S.-operated air force base in England. The men, all in their 20s from London, were detained Sunday.

~~Possible Foiled Terror Attack at U.K Air Base Used by U.S. Raises Questions Over Security~~

Trump's account of the U.K. base plot doesn't match the bystander's

The New York Times MAINSTREAM *06:29 EDT*

Conflicting accounts from a bystander who called the police and from President Trump have led to questions about whether security services knew about the possible plot in advance.

- DHS hails ICE deportation of over 2,000 terrorists ahead of 9/11 anniversary *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- More see domestic terrorism as bigger threat than foreign terrorism: Survey *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*
- Iran war puts future US military presence in Middle East in question *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

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Bears Ears opened to business; the business turns out to be Utah prospectors staking uranium claims

By STERLING
THE OWNERSHIP DESK

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. Trump opened Bears Ears land to mining, and small Utah prospectors filed claims on it.

WHO GETS PAID. Small-scale Utah miners chasing uranium, who under the 1872 mining law stake the ground first and owe the public nothing for what they take out.

WHAT SLIPS. The public's say over land it owns passes to whoever files a claim first: no vote, no hearing, no bid.

WHAT'S NEXT. The July 13, 2026 announcement cut Bears Ears to about 121,000 acres, and claims are being filed on the rest now. Nothing on the calendar reverses either.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

You are waiting for the foreign buyer, with a logo worth being furious at. There is none. Every claim staked on the 1.2 million acres opened at Bears Ears appears to have been filed — appears, the wire is careful — by small-scale miners in Utah with an interest in uranium. Neighbours. Shovels and filing fees.

And what did they owe the public for the uranium underneath? The question does not arise. The 1872 law holds that valuable mineral deposits are free and open; whoever locates a claim on locatable ground keeps what comes out of it. Free and open ... and the terms have not moved since 1872....

...(cont) On July 13, 2026, the Administration announced 2.93 million acres cut from Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears, the latter left at approximately 121,000 acres, under "common sense land use."

Nothing was got around. The statute was read, and obeyed.

Your royalty on the uranium is zero.

All winter the gate stood open. A
man walks his cattle through it.

— ENOCH

The Ownership Desk

"They open a million-plus acres and then point at the guys who showed up with shovels, like that settles it — small operators, salt of the earth, nothing to see. The con is the 1872 law sitting underneath it: the ground you own gets staked first-come, and the public's cut of the uranium is nothing. Somebody's kid's school is short a teacher while a mineral deposit walks off a federal map for free."

— Sal

"These are mom-and-pop miners in Utah, not some multinational — did I say mom-and-pop? Family operations, American families, that doesn't sound like something I'd need to defend. And the law is from 1872, which makes it settled law, which is the thing you people are always telling me to respect."

— Chip

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> ~~After Trump opened Bears Ears land to business, prospectors swooped in~~
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> **Trump opened Bears Ears to mining. Miners claimed 1.2 million acres for uranium.**
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> *Grist* § *04:15 EDT*
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> All the claims on the 1.2 million acres appear to have been filed by small-scale miners in Utah with an interest in uranium.

· Trump's Land Grab is the Latest Chapter of Indigenous Cultural Genocide *from the morgue, 23 Aug 2026*

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Congressman diagnoses the $121 billion Americans paid extra for energy since February as fatigue

By CHIEF
STAFF WRITER



Trump's War With Iran Drags Down Republicans in Midterm Elections', 29 September 2026 (PHOTO: THE NEW YORK TIMES) — THE SUNDAY EDITION

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WHAT HAPPENED A Republican congressman described rising diesel prices during the Iran war as fatigue.

WHO GETS PAID The president's party, which has promised voters $5,000 checks if it keeps both chambers of Congress.

WHAT ELSE The war began in February with no exit in sight, the economy is the only check left on it.

WHAT'S NEXT If the price fixes keep failing, the next step is banning diesel exports; Moscow did that on 3 July 2026 and extended the ban to 31 January 2027.

ALSO RAN ON THE FRONT

The affordability agenda is working. I want to be precise about the tense there. It is built to work, and building is the slow part.

Start with the calendar, because the calendar is on our side. The war began in February without a vote in Congress, which is the president's authority. By 28 August it had run six months on end, in and sight, and "no end in sight" is a statement about visibility, and visibility is weather. On 9 September, at Joint Base Andrews, he told reporters the war would end immediately after the election. The pledge is conditional. The condition is the election. Set those two sentences beside each other and I would rather you didn't.…

…Listed On 15 September the Congressional Budget Office priced the war at $38 billion and called the figure conservative. Conservative is our word. It means careful. It also means the number has room to climb, and the senators who spent that week demanding a full accounting of the costs came out of their briefing frustrated. Frustration is a mood. The invoice does not, and I withdraw the invoice.

> "They tell the farmer the war ends right after he votes, and then offer him grand to vote the right way — that's a receipt, not a platform. Moody's already says it took $1,760 out of his house in eight months while the beef fix and the diesel fix wait somewhere, and the government's word for that is fatigue. Fatigue is what they call it when the diesel bill is the reason he can't put a crop in next spring."
>
> — *Sal*

RAILSIDE IN TWO STORE

→ *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 step in business.* By Clay · the broadcast edition, 27 September 2026

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Trump's War With Iran Drags Down Republicans in Midterm Elections

The New York Times · MAINSTREAM · 10:08 EDT

As their midterm picture darkens, and gas and diesel prices soar, some Republicans who backed the war for months are now changing their tune.

Trump promised lower prices. Voters are still waiting.

The Washington Post · MAINSTREAM · 09:09 EDT

From beef to diesel, White House efforts to bring down prices — the top concern among midterm voters — have failed so far to pan out.

Since 2023, Trump Made More Stock Trades Than All 535 Congress Members Combined

Truthout · 07:57 EDT

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

GOP rep: Americans feel 'fatigue' in diesel prices increasing

The Hill · MAINSTREAM · 06:03 EDT

Rep. Rich Crawford (R-Ark.) said Sunday that Americans are "fatigued" about rising diesel prices amid the Iran war.

UN IX unanimously bombed civilian cities in Iran, killing 713 children

Truthout · 11:58 EDT

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

Republicans' funded IDE's $70 billion. Republicans fighting for their political survival

Politico · MAINSTREAM · 10:00 EDT

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

- **US Energy Consumers Have Spent $121 Billion Extra Since Trump Launched Iran War: Moody's** *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
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- **Trump, Who Calls Medicare for All Too Expensive, Vows $5,000 to Every US Adult—If GOP Wins Midterms** *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*
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- **Farmer who voted for Trump says farmers are "all just in survival mode"** *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*
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- **Massie names Epstein 'coconspirators,' discusses new Epstein files legislation** *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*
- **Read Thomas Massie's eight impeachment charges against Pete Hegseth** *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
- **Fake Republican midterm convention site still redirects to Epstein files** *from the morgue, 5 Sep 2026*
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- **Fox News Poll: 71% think Trump administration lacks plan to end Iran war** *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- **Iran recently downed at least 2 American drones, officials say** *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- **Big Oil Stocks Surged Due to Iran War—and New Filings Show How President Trump Cashed In** *from the morgue, 27 Aug 2026*
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- **'A Serious and Alarming Threat': US Bombing, Blockade Deepen Iran Medical Crisis** *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- **Consumer Confidence Hits Lowest Level in Months as US Faces 'Trumph Reckless Tariffs and War With Iran'** *from the morgue, 25 Aug 2026*
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- **Trump Hammered Over Iran War That Drove Gas Prices Above $4 Per Gallon Every Day in August for First Time Ever** *from the morgue, 31 Aug 2026*
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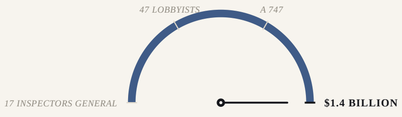
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On the swamp

BY LOU
The Word

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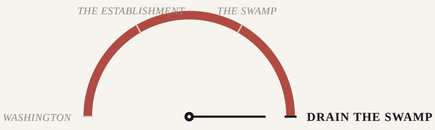
The measurements. On January 24, 2025, seventeen inspectors general — the agencies' internal watchdogs — were fired without the 30 days' notice to Congress; in September a federal judge ruled the firings unlawful but did not reinstate them [1][2]. The Campaign Legal Center counts at least 47 former lobbyists in senior posts, at least 15 of whom would have been barred under earlier ethics pledges [3].

In May 2025 the top 220 holders of the $TRUMP memecoin were invited to dinner with him; analysts estimated they had spent more than $140 million on the coin [4]. The same week the Pentagon accepted a $400 million 747 from Qatar [5]. His disclosure, released in June, reported about $635 million in memecoin royalties and about $515 million from World Liberty Financial token sales — roughly $1.4 billion from crypto in 2025 [6]. The swamp was the people who profit from access. The disclosure is the form where it gets written down.

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REPUBLICAN



DRAIN THE SWAMP

The line was delivered in Green Bay on October 17, 2016, in a speech about ethics: "It is time to drain the swamp in Washington, D.C." [1]. The promise behind it was that an outsider who owed Washington nothing would clear out the people who profit from access to it.

It is a promise worth taking seriously, because it names a real complaint about the revolving door between public office and private influence, and the candidate who named it was elected. The fairest reading of the phrase is as a standard, and the use of a standard is that it can be measured. The measurements are on the other side of the page.

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"I came about something else. I needed a form from an inspector general's office, and it turns out that inspector general was one of seventeen let go in the first week, without the thirty days' notice. A judge said later that was unlawful, and didn't put them back. So while I waited I read the disclosure form instead. Six hundred thirty-five million in memecoin royalties. About five hundred fifteen million from token sales. About one point four billion from crypto for the year. Oh — I almost forgot what I came in for. The speech in Green Bay was an ethics speech. Who checks the ethics now?" — Lou



""Drain the swamp." Green Bay, 2016, an ethics speech. First week back in office, seventeen inspectors general fired — the people whose whole job is testing the water. Then a memecoin dinner for the top two hundred twenty holders, a four-hundred-million-dollar jet from Qatar the same week, and a disclosure showing about one point four billion from crypto for the year. The swamp didn't get drained. It got a hot tub."
— Sal



"The inspectors general were removed to streamline oversight, the lobbyists were hired for their expertise on the swamp, and the crypto income is simply what you find when you drain a swamp and it turns out to have been full of money."
— Chip

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STAGE LEFT

Jane Fonda *(Grace and Frankie)*
6 ACTS

"Empathy is not weak or broke. "Woke" just means you give a damn about other people."
Commencement address, Smith College, Northampton, Mass., May 2026

Susan Sarandon *(Thelma & Louise)*
10 ACTS

"There are a lot of people who've been doing this for this time, and are getting a taste of what it feels like to be a Muslim in this country, so often."
Interview with Democracy Now!, Independence Day, 2026

Robert De Niro *(Taxi Driver)*
8 ACTS

"I hate to say it, but loving our country is starting to sound like an abused spouse saying "I love him because I know he can't love me anymore" — that's just by Donald Trump. I guess it's how my country talks." Speaking at a rally opposing the administration's immigration crackdown, The Town Hall, New York, January

Danny Glover *(Lethal Weapon)*
4 ACTS

Cynthia Nixon *(Sex and the City)*
4 ACTS

Julia Louis-Dreyfus *(Veep)*
7 ACTS

Alec Baldwin *(30 Rock)*
5 ACTS

Alyssa Milano *(Charmed)*
6 ACTS

Cher *(Moonstruck)*
3 ACTS

Dave Chappelle *(Chappelle's Show)*
5 ACTS

Mark Ruffalo *(Hulk)*
3 ACTS

Martin Sheen *(The West Wing)*
4 ACTS

Stephen Colbert *(The Late Show)*
4 ACTS

Daryl Hannah *(Splash)*
3 ACTS

Kathy Griffin *(Suddenly Susan)*
3 ACTS

George Clooney *(Ocean's Eleven)*
4 ACTS

Rosie O'Donnell *(A League of Their Own)*
4 ACTS

Kal Penn *(Harold & Kumar)*
3 ACTS

Jennifer Garner *(Alias)*
5 ACTS

Jon Stewart *(The Daily Show)*
4 ACTS

Jimmy Kimmel *(Jimmy Kimmel Live)*
4 ACTS

Bill Maher *(Real Time)*
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Jim Carrey *(The Mask)*
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Kerry Washington *(Scandal)*
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Oprah Winfrey *(The Color Purple)*
4 ACTS

Sarah Silverman *(The Sarah Silverman Program)*
3 ACTS

Sean Astin *(Rudy)*
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Chelsea Handler *(Chelsea Lately)*
4 ACTS

Samantha Bee *(Full Frontal)*
4 ACTS

Tom Hanks *(Forrest Gump)*
3 ACTS

Amy Schumer *(Trainwreck)*
4 ACTS

Sam Waterston *(Law & Order)*
4 ACTS

Mark Hamill *(Star Wars)*
4 ACTS

Sacha Baron Cohen *(Borat)*
3 ACTS

David Letterman *(Late Show with David Letterman)*
4 ACTS

Bill Murray *(Saturday Night Live)*
4 ACTS

Eva Longoria *(Desperate Housewives)*
4 ACTS

Vi. Kamon Bell *(United Shades of America)*
3 ACTS

Jimmy Fallon *(Late Night with Jimmy Fallon)*
3 ACTS

Johnny Depp *(Pirates of the Caribbean)*
4 ACTS

Seth Meyers *(Late Night

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THE PREMIUM

What it costs you to be this healthy.

—	**+26%**	Your marketplace premium, 2026 — The steepest sticker increase since 2018 — the insurers priced the subsidy expiry and the tariffs right into it.
—	**+58%**	What enrollees actually pay — $113 to $178 a month after the enhanced credits expired December 31 — actual 2026 data, not a projection.
—	**+37%**	The deductible — $2,759 to $3,786 — the steepest jump on record. More per month, for a plan that starts paying later.
—	**3 million**	Who left — Paid marketplace enrollment fell from 22.1 to 19.2 million — the first decline since 2020, pinned by analysts on the price shock.
—	**10 million**	Medicaid, by 2034 — More uninsured under the July 2025 law, by the CBO's score of the enacted text. Work requirements go national January 2027; Nebraska went first.
—	**146**	Rural maternity wards — Rural hospitals that have closed or announced closing labor-and-delivery since 2020. The law cuts $137B from rural Medicaid and replaces $50B — 37 cents on the dollar.
—	**2.5×**	The standing arrangement — US health spending per person against the OECD average — $14,885 to $5,967 — to live 3.7 years shorter than comparable countries.

Figures from KFF, the CBO and the carriers' own filings. Projections say so; actuals are dated.

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

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Mort

the obituarist

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

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27 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

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

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20 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

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

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13 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

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

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13 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

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

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