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Trump priced a Republican Congress at $5,000 an adult in September, sent the first $90 out of a Medicare fund in October, and has set no date for the other $4,910.

BY MITCH
Investigations

The dividend arrived this month, and it is ninety dollars.

It began in Dallas. At the Republican midterm convention, in a keynote closing the first night, a Wednesday, the president offered five thousand dollars to every adult citizen if the Republican Party holds both chambers of Congress. By Thursday the tenth of September the Washington Examiner had posted a what-to-know explainer on the budgetary and economic ramifications, which is the trade's way of saying someone had begun the multiplication.

The multiplication went badly in public. On Friday the eleventh Bret Baier pressed Ken Paxton on the proposal; that same day Governor Gavin Newsom called it "bulls—" and a "desperate" power grab. On Saturday, at a Kansas State Fair debate, a moderator put the proposal's $1.2 trillion cost to Senator Roger Marshall against the growing national debt, and Marshall backtracked. Sunday brought Representative Mike Lawler to ABC's "This Week," where Lawler initially avoided the question of whether the dividend had his support and offered instead, "How do you pay for it?" Representative Mike Flood said

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THE WORD

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On the guns first

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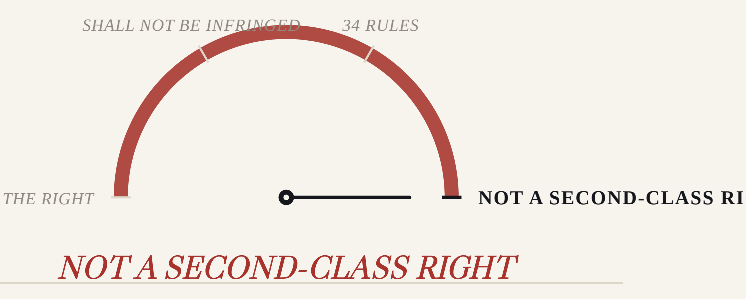

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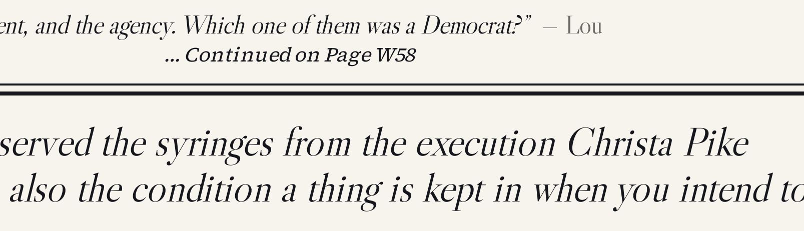

NOT A SECOND-CLASS RIGHT

"I had one like this, different year. 1967, California: a governor signs a law banning loaded guns in public without a permit, and says, "I see no reason why on the street today a citizen should be carrying loaded weapons." 2018: a president says, "take the guns first, go through due process second," and his agency bans bump stocks that December. 2024: the Supreme Court says the agency went too far, six to three. Excuse me — I forgot my notebook on your desk. The governor, the president, and the agency. Which one of them was a Democrat?" — Lou

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BY THE WRECKING CREW
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BY CHIP
Staff Writer

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Seven months after a drone killed Capt. Cody Khork at Camp Buehring, the footage is at CBS News and the Army's investigation is still not with his parents.

BY STERLING
The Ownership Desk

Who gave the tape to CBS News is where you will want to begin, and the question will occupy you handsomely for a week, and it is the wrong end of the business entirely. Begin with title instead. Who owns the footage of an American officer's death? The service that took it owns it, holds it, and sets the hour at which anyone else sees it.

In March an Iranian drone found Camp Buehring, in Kuwait, in the early days of a war the administration said would be short, and killed six American troops. One of them was Army Reserve Capt. Cody Khork. His parents, Jim and Stacey Khork, asked the Army to release its internal investigation into the strike that killed their son; CBS News reported that request on September 10th. The Army had not released the investigation then. Seven months after the strike, the Army has not released it. On October 7th CBS News had the video of the strike. Exclusively obtained, in the trade's phrase. Obtained — obtained, mind you, which is the word one uses about a thing nobody handed over.

What the Khorks have had of this, they have had ex gratia: as a grace, at

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The country takes two finished projects back out of service: measles elimination, certified in 2000 and now at 1,004 cases in Pennsylvania, and the decades-old ownership limit, repealed 2-1 the week a coalition invoked it.

BY MORT
The Records Bureau

Two deaths are recorded here this morning, and the family asks that neither be mistaken for a person.

The media ownership limit died Saturday at the Federal Communications Commission, by a vote of 2 to 1. It was born in the broadcast rules, had been in poor health for years, and was still doing work on the day it went: a coalition had invoked that very limit to stop a consolidation. It is survived by three station groups and by one newsroom that quietly thinned its report on Pentagon contracts for the president's sons. It was preceded in death by the public-interest standard.

There is no mystery in the mechanism. Two votes beat one vote, and a rule that stood for decades goes in the ground on a Saturday. It has changed, in the direction of fewer people deciding what a county hears, and calling that competition is the kind of shit that does not improve with repetition.

The limit had been dying in public for a fortnight. On 23 September, government lawyers told a federal court that press coverage of the president is a privilege, not a right. The next day a judge appointed by this president or-

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The paperwork beat the news twice this week: Washington's backing for the Saudi offensive is dated before the three deaths at Riyadh's airports, and OpenAI's pledge to spend less on the midterms is dated after it fired the researchers who flagged its risks.

BY LOU
One More Question

Parts, labor, the whole thing. I said, you haven't looked at it yet. He said, Lou, we write the order first, then the car tells us whether we were right. And I thought, well, that's honest anyway. He admits the order comes first.

I've been thinking about Dominic all week, which is a thing I'd normally keep to myself.

Because I wrote this down — hold on, it's in here somewhere, raincoat pocket, there we are. Page one. On 4 October, Washington backed the Saudi-led offensive to retake territory holding about 70 percent of Yemen's population. That's the position. Dated the fourth.

And the thing I keep looking at isn't the position. It's the date at the top of the page.

Later that same week, strikes on the kingdom's airports killed three people. The wire calls it the deadliest run of Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia so far. Three people. The next night, two more missiles came in at King Khalid International in Riyadh, and the Saudis say they intercepted both.

Flip back a few pages. In September at least 73 Saudi civilians were

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The only line item the federal response has produced for the 174 seats aboard Flydubai FZ1073 is one plumbing job, wage and start date unstated, priced two days before investigators said where the plane had been meant to go.

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

My work is putting two tables beside each other and naming the size of the space between them. This week the space has a cockpit in it.

The first table is the flight. September 30th, Flydubai FZ1073, Dubai to Tel Aviv. According to Prime Minister Netanyahu, the co-pilot stabbed the flight captain and tried to take the controls. The Washington Examiner and NBC News carried it on the 3rd: the implement was the cockpit's crash axe, and the UAE attorney general called it an attempted terrorist act. The captain — named in Indian media, then by the Indian Embassy, as Smit Machchhar, an Indian national — unlocked the cockpit door after getting stabbed to allow passengers to storm the cockpit. One of them was Yaniv Hayoun, an Israeli plumber. The aircraft lost altitude, diverted to Saudi Arabia, and the co-pilot was arrested on the ground.

Headcount first, because the tables disagree before anything else does. The Examiner's item of the 2nd carries 174 passengers. Its item of the 3rd carries "more than 170," and the New York Post the same day carries 170 lives saved. Four seats of spread, two outlets, three items, a day apart. I'll use 174,

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Tennessee sold the beer at half price to fill Neyland early for a president stumping for the bill, up for Senate passage Monday, that writes the working terms of the athletes on the field below.

BY GUS
The Sports Desk

● HOT MIC MOMENT

Off the record while they fix my feed. That senator's stated goal is to have the president sign the bill live on that same show. So the Senate writes the rules for the athletes, the association that runs the games backs the bill, and the broadcast books the signing. That is not a pregame show. That is a committee room with better lighting and a sideline reporter. Put this reporter on the political desk. I can call fourth-and-one from memory. I would rather call this.

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> "Read the page top to bottom and notice what connects it: somebody priced something you thought was yours — your ballot, your checkup, your tank of gas — and mailed you the bill with a flag stamped on it. I started circling the good news. Still holding the pen."
>
> — *Sal*

> "Every story on this page is a success that hasn't been explained to you properly yet."
>
> — *Chip*

The hens, a man counts in
spring. The fox counted in winter.

ENOCH · THE OWNERSHIP DESK

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By **THE WRECKING CREW**
THE REMEDY DESK

"Christa Pike discharged from hospital, returned to prison after botched execution, attorneys say", 10 October 2026 (PHOTO VIA FOX NEWS — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

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Review, then. On Saturday the commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Correction, Frank Strada, resigned; the governor announced it; Strada leaves next month. Pike's lawyers count five botched executions under that leadership across two states since 2022, and the Times reported on October 2 that four were in Arizona, where Strada oversaw executions, and were on the record by the time Tennessee hired him. The Times put the rest in a headline that Saturday: hired despite a trail of troubled executions. The hiring file was complete before the first beat of this story.

And the syringes have been preserved, which the state offers as evidence of seriousness. Preserved for the review. Preserved is also the condition a thing is in when you intend to use it again, and the state has not confirmed it will not. By Thursday a court had cited the failure itself as grounds to proceed with an identical procedure. Medical staff asked that Pike be unshackled; the state said no. By Saturday she was back in her cell.

The complaint from the right that week was not that the needle failed. National Review argued that medicalizing and sanitizing capital punishment erases the deterrence it is supposed to create; the Washington Examiner called the process grimly farcical; a former Knoxville police chief warned the botch takes focus off the victim, Colleen Slemmer, and could end capital punishment in Tennessee altogether. On October 6 the Pentagon answered. Sean Parnell announced what Pete Hegseth had recommended and Donald Trump had approved: death by firing squad for Nidal Hasan, the former Army major a court-martial sentenced to death on 28 August 2013 for killing 13 people at Fort Hood in 2009. Four days later the office set December 3, 1:30 p.m. — the clock reading of the moment the shooting began seventeen years ago — and said it would be livestreamed. For the survivors, transparently, timed to the minute of the thing they survived. The BBC calls it a first for the American military since the Second World War.

Parts on the table, all of them already real.

The independent inquiry, ordered by the governor on the record.

The syringes, in custody — booked into that inquiry as evidence rather than back into inventory.

The hiring file, which the Times showed was readable in advance; Strada leaves next month, and someone is hired after that.

The camera. Tennessee's suspension runs out at the end of the year, and December 3 is a Thursday on somebody's calendar already.

THE RECEIPTS

~~Christa Pike discharged from hospital, returned to prison after botched execution, attorneys say~~

State's botched lethal injection left her with arm injuries, memory loss, attorneys say

Fox News RIGHT § *15:06 EDT*

Christa Pike is back at prison after surviving a botched lethal injection, but her attorneys say she still struggles with arm injuries and memory problems.

Christa Pike out of hospital and recovering in prison after botched Tennessee execution

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *12:52 EDT*

Christa Pike has been released from the hospital and is back in prison after surviving an execution attempt in Tennessee that left her unconscious and on a ventilator. Pike is on death row for the premeditated torture and murder of a college classmate in 1995. The prisoner was set to be executed on Sept.

~~Christa Pike discharged from hospital and returned to prison, her lawyers say~~

Tennessee failed to execute her by lethal injection — twice, her lawyers say

BBC News MAINSTREAM § *11:58 EDT*

The convicted murderer was left in a critical condition after she survived two lethal injections.

Christa Pike out of hospital and back in prison after botched execution attempt

The Guardian MAINSTREAM § *13:10 EDT*

Pike's lawyers said she is back in same prison she's lived in for last 30 years and will continue to receive medical care Christa Pike has been discharged from the hospital after surviving Tennessee 's botched 30 September attempt to execute her by lethal injection and is back in prison, her lawyers said on Saturday. Pike, 50, returned...

Christa Pike Hospitalized in Critical Condition After Botched Execution

Truthout § *14:08 EDT*

"I've never seen anything like what we saw Wednesday night," said one reporter who witnessed the execution attempt.

Prison chief resigns after failed execution attempt in US

RTÉ MAINSTREAM § *00:15 EDT*

The prison commissioner in the southern US state of Tennessee has resigned over the failed execution of convicted murderer Christa Pike, Governor Bill Lee has said.

~~Convicted murderer Christa Pike leaves hospital, returns to prison after botched execution~~

Tennessee's execution attempt failed. She survived and went back to prison.

France 24 MAINSTREAM § *13:41 EDT*

Christa Pike's lawyers on Saturday said that the 50-year-old convicted murderer has been discharged from the hospital and returned to prison. Pike was transported to the hospital in critical condition on September 30 after she survived Tennessee's botched effort to execute her for murdering a classmate when she was a teenager.

~~Christa Pike moved back to prison after failed execution~~

Tennessee's lethal injection failed to kill her

RTÉ MAINSTREAM § *11:43 EDT*

Christa Pike, who survived Tennessee's attempt to execute her by lethal injection, has been moved back to prison, according to a statement released by her lawyers.

~~Christa Pike Hospitalized After Surviving 2 Lethal Injection Doses in Tennessee~~

Tennessee has now botched two executions this year

Truthout § *13:42 EDT*

This represents the second failed attempt at an execution via lethal injection in Tennessee this year alone.

- Outgoing prison chief in Christa Pike case oversaw five 'botched' executions, lawyers say *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Judge orders officials to preserve all evidence tied to Christa Pike's botched execution *from the morgue, 7 Oct 2026*
- Christa Pike's lawyer says request to unshackle her was denied as he confirms she is speaking 'limitedly' – live *from the morgue, 7 Oct 2026*
- Christa Pike left in 'critical condition' as Tennessee halts all executions *from the morgue, 2 Oct 2026*
- Tennessee suspends executions as Christa Pike's lawyer says failed lethal injection leaves her in critical condition *from the morgue, 2 Oct 2026*
- Tennessee Corrections commissioner resigns days after failed Christa Pike execution *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Tennessee Prison Chief Was Hired Despite a Trail of Troubled Executions *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Pike's botched execution renews death penalty scrutiny *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- After failed execution, health workers say Tennessee's method flouts medical ethics *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*
- Supreme Court Allows Execution of Christa Pike, Tennessee's Lone Woman on Death Row *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*
- Federal court halts Christa Pike's execution *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*
- White House defends media outlet bans, now citing 'professionalism' standards *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Sunday Shows Preview: Trump bans 3 media outlets from White House; Parties make final cases as midterms approach *from the morgue, 19 Sep 2026*
- Vance defends White House media ban: 'Politico is as anti-Trump as Breitbart was anti-Obama or anti-Biden' *from the morgue, 21 Sep 2026*
- Vance defends Trump's media ban as 'totally appropriate' *from the morgue, 21 Sep 2026*
- Bill Clinton: 'There were lots of times when I wanted to ban the White House press corps' *from the morgue, 25 Sep 2026*
- Tennessee prison chief to resign after Christa Pike's failed execution, governor says *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Tennessee's prisons chief resigns after failed Pike execution, governor says *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Federal Appellate Court Halts Tennessee's Planned Execution of Christa Pike *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*
- Supreme Court declines Christa Pike's clemency appeal, with Tennessee set to execute first woman in 200 years *from the morgue, 29 Sep 2026*
- Supreme Court allows execution of Christa Pike to go forward *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*
- Tennessee court makes last minute move to temporarily halt Christa Pike's execution *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*
- DOJ petitions judge to reinstate White House ban on CNN, MS Now, and Politico *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Trump White House Restores Access to Politico, MS NOW, CNN Reporters Hours After Judge's Order *from the morgue, 24 Sep 2026*
- Judge orders White House to restore media access temporarily for blocked outlets *from the morgue, 24 Sep 2026*
- CNN, MS NOW and Politico reporters regain entry to White House *from the morgue, 24 Sep 2026*
- Tennessee prison system head to resign after failed Christa Pike execution *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Tennessee Prison Commissioner Resigns Days After Failed Execution *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Tennessee prison chief resigns after Christa Pike's botched execution *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Christa Pike's Tennessee execution halted by court an hour before it was scheduled *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*
- Christa Pike thought her arm would 'burst open' during botched Tennessee execution: court docs *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Death row inmate unconscious on ventilator after botched execution for teen's killing: attorneys *from the morgue, 2 Oct 2026*
- Christa Pike remains unconscious and on ventilator after failed execution in Tennessee *from the morgue, 2 Oct 2026*
- Christa Pike unconscious and intubated after failed execution, lawyers say *from the morgue, 2 Oct 2026*
- Christa Pike Was Unconscious and on Ventilator After Execution Attempt *from the morgue, 2 Oct 2026*
- How legislatures and the courts sabotage the death penalty *from the morgue, 2 Oct 2026*
- Tennessee inmate survived two lethal injections, her lawyer says in motion to halt execution *from the morgue, 28 Sep 2026*
- Tennessee Attempted to Execute a Sexual Assault Victim *from the morgue, 22 Sep 2026*
- Tennessee prepares to execute the first woman in over 200 years *from the morgue, 29 Sep 2026*
- Questions emerge after Christa Pike's botched execution *from the morgue, 2 Oct 2026*
- Tennessee executed Christa Pike by the book. She survived *from the morgue, 2 Oct 2026*
- Christa Pike in critical condition after failed execution attempts: Lawyer *from the morgue, 2 Oct 2026*
- Christa Pike's botched lethal injection takes focus off victim, jeopardizes execution: former police chief *from the morgue, 2 Oct 2026*
- What the Modern State Gets Wrong About Execution *from the morgue, 2 Oct 2026*
- States should not blindly Alabama's use of execution by nitrogen *from the morgue, 28 Sep 2026*
- Lawyers, experts urge Tennessee governor to commute Christa Pike's sentence after botched execution *from the morgue, 2 Oct 2026*
- Botched execution of death row inmate *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- After Two Botched Attempts, UN Experts Urge Tennessee Not to Try to Execute Crista Pike Again *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- Legal expert on what could happen after botched execution of Christa Pike *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- After Failed Attempt to Execute Christa Pike, Tennessee Pauses a Planned Execution *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- Botched US execution prompts global calls to scrap death penalty *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- Lone woman death row inmate Christa Pike says she's 'at peace' ahead of execution — as Tennessee gov. denies last-ditch bid for clemency *from the morgue, 29 Sep 2026*
- Judge restores Seattle US attorney who Trump fired after court appointment *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- Judge rejects Trump administration arguments for withholding boat strike justification memo *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- Fourth Circuit worried Trump's US attorney appointments unlawfully cut out Senate *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*
- Judge blocks Trump executive order banning 'birth tourism' *from the morgue, 3 Sep 2026*
- Tennessee Pauses Executions After a Botched Lethal Injection *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- The Memo: Tennessee debacle revives bitter debate over death penalty *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- The Supreme Court of the United States rules 5–4 to lift the block on four federal executions scheduled for July and August. Convicted murderer Daniel Lewis Lee, whose execution was scheduled for the *from the morgue, 14 Jul 2020*
- The Supreme Court of the United States refuses to vacate a stay of execution issued by the Arkansas Supreme Court. Arkansas's highest court has also put on hold the execution of another inmate, Bruce *from the morgue, 18 Apr 2017*
- Judge blocks Trump's firing of top federal prosecutor in Seattle *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- Judge reinstates Washington state US attorney fired by Trump *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- CNN, MS Now, and Politico ask judge to extend order pausing Trump's ban *from the morgue, 29 Sep 2026*
- Trump dumbfounded on why death row inmate Christa Pike couldn't be executed: 'Should be easy to do' *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- Trump administration asks Supreme Court to OK transgender inmate policy *from the morgue, 28 Sep 2026*
- Infamous Murderer 'Critically Ill' After Surviving Two Botched Lethal Injections: REPORT *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- Blackburn calls on TN to 'bring back' electric chair after botched Christa Pike execution *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- Mom of Christa Pike's victim has furious response to watching failed execution: 'They f–ked up' *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- The Guardian view on the death penalty: Christa Pike's execution was botched, but cruelty is inherent *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- What to know about pentobarbital after death row inmate survives 2 lethal injection doses *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- Am I Lying to Myself About the Death Penalty? *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*

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By **CHIP**

STAFF WRITER

"Trump rips into Volodymyr Zelensky — insisting it's time for Ukraine to 'get a new president'", 10 October 2026 (PHOTO VIA NEW YORK POST — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

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September fourteenth, the president posts the result: Ukraine has agreed not to hit Russian energy targets. Russia has agreed to do, comma, likewise. Two agreements, one post, one comma. A comma can be read a number of ways.

September twenty-first, Truth Social: Russia has lost control of its own diesel industry, a large share of it knocked offline by the war Russia started. I read that as a diagnosis. It is a diagnosis. It is also, reading my own talking point back to myself, a description of the strikes working, which is not an endorsement of the strikes, which is — it is a diagnosis. Moving on.

October first, the Guardian reports Kyiv hit a refinery in the Samara region overnight. So the agreement held in one direction, which is one more direction than we get credit for.

October ninth. The president announces that he and President Putin have agreed on a deal, and the deal is that we import the diesel. I understand the optics. Since the thirteenth of September the position has been that the Russian refineries must not be struck because the American consumer pays for it, and we are now buying out of the industry we said had lost control, which is the same industry, which is precisely why — it is a supply solution. Supply is apolitical.

October tenth, the president blamed Kyiv for the price, lifted the Russian sanctions, and thanked President Putin by name at the campaign rally. Thanking a counterparty at a rally is called closing.

On the new-president remark I have one prepared sentence and I am going to read it: an ally that cannot accept an energy arrangement has a leadership problem. That is me talking. Nobody handed me that.

The other number, since you will ask. Moody's Analytics puts extra consumer energy spending at $121 billion, an average of $1,760 per household, in under eight months of a war launched in February without congressional authorization. Every Senate Democrat except Fetterman signed a letter asking Secretary Hegseth for a cost breakdown. A letter is not an audit.

We have a deal with the people who have the diesel, and the people who objected to the deal have been advised to get a new president.

THE RECEIPTS

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Trump rips into Volodymyr Zelensky — insisting it's time for Ukraine to 'get a new president'

New York Post RIGHT § *16:56 EDT*

President Trump ripped into Volodymyr Zelensky on Saturday telling reporters outside the White House that it's time for Ukraine to "get a new president."

But: **Trump promised to settle the Ukraine war with Putin within 24 hours - on 53 separate occasions** *CNN fact check, 25 April 2025 (all 53 instances)*

Trump says Russia will release millions of tons of diesel to help with costs

CBS News MAINSTREAM § *12:08 EDT*

Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed to release 300,000 tons of diesel immediately and millions more over the coming months.

But: **Trump promised he'd meet Putin and Zelensky and settle the war within 24 hours — 53 separate times, CNN counted** *CNN fact check, 25 April 2025 (all 53 instances)*

Trump and Putin sign diesel deal, angering Ukraine and its allies

Le Monde MAINSTREAM § *05:38 EDT*

The US president announced Friday that Russia has committed to supplying nearly 5 million tons of diesel fuel to the United States and global markets 'within a short period of time.' The deal has sparked outrage across Europe.

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Rebuking Ukraine Over Oil Strikes, Trump Says It Should 'Get a New President'

The New York Times MAINSTREAM § *15:28 EDT*

Hours after President Trump said the United States would buy Russian diesel, the Kremlin said there would be no immediate resumption of discussions to end the war.

But: **Trump promised he'd settle the Ukraine war within 24 hours of talking to Putin and Zelenskyy - he's said some version of that 53 separate times** *CNN fact check, 25 April 2025 (all 53 instances)*

Trump says Ukraine needs a new leader after diesel deal with Russia

The Guardian MAINSTREAM § *16:42 EDT*

US president suggests Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, has not done enough to end war Donald Trump has said Ukraine needs "a new leader", a day after making a deal with Vladimir Putin to buy large quantities of Russian diesel. The US president suggested Volodymyr Zelenskyy has not done enough to end the war with Russia and...

~~Trump announces deal for Russian diesel as Zelensky calls it a gift to Putin~~

Diesel prices doubled since the Iran war began. Now Trump wants Putin to fix it.

BBC News MAINSTREAM § *10:24 EDT*

Ukraine's president sharply criticised the move, calling it an "investment in war that must be ended, not prolonged".

But: **Trump promised to settle the war within 24 hours - on 53 separate occasions, CNN counted** *CNN fact check, 25 April 2025 (all 53 instances)*

Trump says Ukraine needs 'a new leader who can make a deal'

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *13:38 EDT*

President Donald Trump on Saturday called for new leadership in Ukraine, marking a dramatic shift in the United States's relationship with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. Trump has long pushed Russia and Ukraine to make a deal ending the war between the countries, which has now stretched over four-and-a-half years and appeared to...

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'Time for Ukraine to get new president,' says Trump after Zelensky condemns diesel deal

BBC News MAINSTREAM § *21:41 EDT*

Ukraine's leader had said the deal with Russia to release diesel into the US would help Moscow fund the war.

~~Trump rips Zelensky amid Russia diesel deal feud: 'I suggest they get a new leader'~~

The White House lifted sanctions on Russian diesel. Then it blamed Zelensky for the war.

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *14:26 EDT*

President Trump on Saturday pushed back on criticism from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to the White House's decision to lift sanctions on Russian diesel amid the Russia-Ukraine war. The president told reporters outside the White House that Zelensky "could have settled this war many times," but "chose not to."

~~Zelenskyy furious as Trump announces deal to buy Russian diesel~~

Trump funds Russia's war - the one he vowed to end in 24 hours, 53 times

The Guardian MAINSTREAM § *06:09 EDT*

US president says agreement needed to lower fuel prices, but move likely to create fresh crisis with Ukraine and Nato allies Donald Trump is on a fresh collision course with Volodymyr Zelenskyy and European allies after his stunning agreement to buy Russian diesel upended years of US and western pressure on the Kremlin to end its war...

But: **"I'll meet with Putin. I'll meet with Zelensky... And within 24 hours, that war will be settled" - Trump, CNN town hall, 10 May 2023. CNN counted 53 separate occasions he promised it.** *CNN fact check, 25 April 2025 (all 53 instances)*

Trump calls for Ukraine to replace Zelenskyy after clash over Russia diesel deal: 'Get a new president'

Fox News RIGHT § *15:54 EDT*

President Donald Trump demanded Volodymyr Zelenskyy stop striking Russian oil refineries, warning the attacks worsen global diesel and fuel supplies.

But: **Trump promised 53 times he'd end the war within 24 hours** *CNN fact check, 25 April 2025 (all 53 instances)*

Trump says Ukraine needs new president, blames Zelenskyy for diesel prices

CBS News MAINSTREAM § *21:59 EDT*

President Trump's criticism of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy comes after Russian strikes killed at least 20 people, including three children, in Ukraine.

· Trump: Russia has 'lost control' of its diesel industry as prices soar *from the morgue, 21 Sep 2026*

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· Ukraine persists with Russian oil refinery strikes, defying Trump on fuel price warnings *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*

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Seven months after a drone killed Capt. Cody Khork at Camp Buehring, the footage is at CBS News and the Army's investigation is still not with his parents.

By **STERLING**
THE OWNERSHIP DESK

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

Who gave the tape to CBS News is where you will want to begin, and the question will occupy you handsomely for a week, and it is the wrong end of the business entirely. Begin with title instead. Who owns the footage of an American officer's death? The service that took it owns it, holds it, and sets the hour at which anyone else sees it.

In March an Iranian drone found Camp Buehring, in Kuwait, in the early days of a war the administration said would be short, and killed six American troops. One of them was Army Reserve Capt. Cody Khork. His parents, Jim and Stacey Khork, asked the Army to release its internal investigation into the strike that killed their son; CBS News reported that request on September 10th. The Army had not released the investigation then. Seven months after the strike, the Army has not released it. On October 7th CBS News had the video of the strike. Exclusively obtained, in the trade's phrase. Obtained — obtained, mind you, which is the word one uses about a thing nobody handed over....

...(cont) What the Khorks have had of this, they have had ex gratia: as a grace, at the grantor's convenience, on the grantor's calendar. A grace cannot be demanded. That is its charm.

The same arrangement runs at scale, and ran all week. On September 17th every Senate Democrat excepting Fetterman signed an open letter pressing Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth for a cost breakdown of the war in Iran — a letter The Hill called "largely symbolic." That same day the Pentagon's policy chief, Elbridge Colby, briefed the Senate Armed Services Committee behind a closed door, and Democrats and Republicans alike emerged frustrated by what they described as a lack of clear answers. You are waiting for somebody to compel a document ... and that Tuesday Rep. Thomas Massie had seized the House floor to impeach Hegseth "for high crimes and misdemeanors," and Speaker Mike Johnson sent the House home for a seven-week recess, which Massie says blocked the effort. Sen. Thom Tillis, who voted to confirm Hegseth, said of him on the 18th: "He needs to go."

What the public is permitted is the price. Moody's Analytics estimates American consumers have spent over $121 billion extra on energy alone since the conflict began less than eight months ago, and puts the war's cost at an average of $1,760 per household. Rounded estimates, both of them, and published. A household's share of the war is a figure you may read over breakfast. The Army's investigation into the strike that killed Capt. Cody Khork is not available to the two people who asked for it.

The week went on. On the 17th the United Nations fact-finding mission found "reasonable grounds" to believe the US military committed war crimes in two airstrikes inside Iran, which killed at least 178 civilians, among them 123 children at Minab; the report said the United States should pay "full reparations to victims," as the New York Post had it, and in that paper's telling the White House came out swinging. On Thursday the President said: "I have a big decision coming up. Do I want to go in and annihilate them, or do I not?" Fox News found 71% of voters think the administration lacks a plan to end the war.

Seven months. A television network has the video. Jim and Stacey Khork are still asking the Army for the investigation.

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The country takes two finished projects back out of service: measles elimination, certified in 2000 and now at 1,004 cases in Pennsylvania, and the decades-old ownership limit, repealed 2-1 the week a coalition invoked it.

By **MORT**

THE RECORDS BUREAU

“ABC News quietly republishes gutted version of story on Trump sons it had deleted without explanation”, 10 October 2026 (PHOTO VIA FOX NEWS — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

Two deaths are recorded here this morning, and the family asks that neither be mistaken for a person.

The media ownership limit died Saturday at the Federal Communications Commission, by a vote of 2 to 1. It was born in the broadcast rules, had been in poor health for years, and was still doing work on the day it went: a coalition had invoked that very limit to stop a consolidation. It is survived by three station groups and by one newsroom that quietly thinned its report on Pentagon contracts for the president's sons. It was preceded in death by the public-interest standard....

...(cont) There is no mystery in the mechanism. Two votes beat one vote, and a rule that stood for decades goes in the ground on a Saturday. It has changed, in the direction of fewer people deciding what a county hears, and calling that competition is the kind of shit that does not improve with repetition.

The limit had been dying in public for a fortnight. On 23 September, government lawyers told a federal court that press coverage of the president is a privilege, not a right. The next day a judge appointed by this president ordered White House access restored to CNN, MS NOW and Politico. An order of that kind returns a pass to a reporter. It does not return the wall the gate was cut into. On that same Thursday, in another courtroom, opponents of the Paramount–Warner Bros. Discovery merger filed an emergency motion asking to be heard before a settlement — the sale the receipts show pending while the rule that governed such sales was retired.

A repealed limit does not write a story or kill one. It decides how few owners may be left in the room where that is settled, and the week supplied the story: a county trying to learn how much measles is in it.

Elimination status, certified by the United States in 2000, died this year at twenty-six. On 25 August Pennsylvania's health department confirmed the state's first two measles deaths in 35 years, both unvaccinated residents of Lancaster County, the state count near 400. A Jefferson County coroner reported a third in mid-September. This paper has printed two dates for the fourth — 15 September in one column, 23 September in another. I take the 15th; that column checked the file against what came after, and the 23rd is the day a pediatrician said the nickname out loud. A teenager was among the four, and two of them were infants too young for a first dose. It was the most measles deaths the country had seen in a single year since 1992. By 4 October the state had confirmed a fifth.

On 28 August the health secretary had asked in public whether the two deaths Pennsylvania reported were even real; eighteen days later the state reported two more. A governor elsewhere, at roughly a tenth of that count, signed a state of emergency. Pennsylvania, carrying 977, issued a disaster declaration and withheld the emergency order. This week an appeals court took up the vaccine rollback that secretary signed.

Elimination was a chore. A clinic, a dose, a second dose, a card in a drawer, a record kept by people whose names are not in this paper, every year for twenty-six years. The cause of death is listed as optional. It is survived by 1,004 cases in one state and by a court docket, and was preceded in death by the habit of trusting a number because somebody is paid to keep it.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you find out who owns the station that will tell your county its next case count, and ask it, out loud, for the number.

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Trump sons' investments tied to Pentagon contracts prompted ABC's correction

Fox News RIGHT § *11:18 EDT*

ABC News issued an editor's note admitting errors in its report on Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump's investments tied to Pentagon contracts.

~~Coalition Files Emergency Motion to Stop Trump FCC From Unleashing Media Consolidation Spree~~

Coalition sues to stop Trump's FCC from scrapping the cap keeping one company under 39% of US TV households

Common Dreams § *10:08 EDT*

A coalition of nonprofit groups and labor unions filed an emergency petition on Friday aimed at blocking the Federal Communications Commission's recent repeal of a decades-old rule that limited consolidation among television broadcasters, a move that would allow media conglomerates to seize even more control over local news stations. The...

ABC News Issues Correction After Appearing To Quietly Delete Story About Don Jr's Business Dealings

Daily Caller RIGHT § *15:45 EDT*

‘ABC deleted this article in less than 24 hours because it’s false’

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- Massie says he’s convinced enough Republicans to pass Epstein Files II discharge petition *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*
- Massie names Epstein 'coconspirators,' discusses new Epstein files legislation *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*
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- Trump says he has a ‘big decision’ coming up on Iran: ‘Do I want to go in and annihilate them’ *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- 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*
- Live updates: Energy secretary downplays rising gas prices as US, Iran trade strikes *from the morgue, 6 Sep 2026*
- U.S. Strike on Iranian School May Have Been War Crime, U.N. Report Says *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- UN Inquiry Finds US Strike on Minab, Iran That Killed 123 Children Was War Crime *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- UN investigators conclude ‘reasonable grounds’ to believe certain US strikes in Iran were war crimes *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- UN Suspects US War Crimes in Iran *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- US Condemned for 'War Crimes' After Bombing of Wedding Party in Iran *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- US investigating if missile hit Iranian wedding ceremony, killing 4 *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*
- Trump says he has a ‘big decision coming up’ on Iran *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- White House issues explosive response to UN-backed report claiming US committed war crimes against world’s No.1 sponsor of terror, Iran *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- Human rights experts: 'Reasonable grounds' to believe US committed war crimes with Iran strikes *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- US Energy Consumers Have Spent $121 Billion Extra Since Trump Launched Iran War: Moody's *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- Iran downed at least 2 American drones in recent days, U.S. officials say *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- Iran: Account of US Air Force colonel's rescue 'fictional' *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- Consumer Burden of Trump Iran War Exceeds $100 Billion as Oil Prices Pass $100 a Barrel *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*
- 'A Serious and Alarming Threat': US Bombing, Blockade Deepen Iran Medical Crisis *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*
- Consumer Confidence Hits Lowest Level in Months as US Faces 'Trump's Reckless Tariffs and War With Iran' *from the morgue, 25 Aug 2026*
- U.S. Air Force officer rescued from Iran speaks for the first time to 60 Minutes *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*
- Rep. Thomas Massie forcing vote on Pete Hegseth's impeachment *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*
- Did Johnson Just Adjourn Congress for 7 Weeks to Avoid Massie's Impeachment Articles Against Hegseth? *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*
- The Hitchhiker’s Guide to Massie saying Johnson is sending the House home early to prevent Hegseth impeachment *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*
- ‘You’re Elected to Fight and Kill the Other Side’: How Congress Lost Its Way *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*
- Army combat veteran challenging Mike Lawler calls Hegseth national security 'hazard,' backs impeachment *from the morgue, 6 Sep 2026*
- Former Air Force secretary says he 'couldn't serve' in Trump administration *from the morgue, 6 Sep 2026*
- Former Air Force secretary: Hegseth's Pentagon 'dysfunctional' *from the morgue, 3 Sep 2026*
- House Republicans split over leaving Washington early for campaign trail *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*
- Since 2025, Trump Made More Stock Trades Than All 535 Congress Members Combined *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*
- Fossil Fuel Advertising Contracts Hit Record High as Big Oil Pockets Billions From Iran War *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*
- 'How are we gonna get through this?' Many Americans are struggling as prices rise *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*
- Trump's Top Oil Stocks Have Made Him Up to $4.4 Million Richer During Iran War: Analysis *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*
- Gas prices reach Labor Day high amid Iran war *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*
- 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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- Inflation held at 3.4% in August in consumer price index, creating tough choice for Warsh Fed *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*

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The paperwork beat the news twice this week: Washington's backing for the Saudi offensive is dated before the three deaths at Riyadh's airports, and OpenAI's pledge to spend less on the midterms is dated after it fired the researchers who flagged its risks.

By **LOU**

ONE MORE QUESTION

“Bores on OpenAI’s spending retreat: I’ll believe it when I see it”, 6 October 2026
(PHOTO VIA POLITICO — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

Parts, labor, the whole thing. I said, you haven't looked at it yet. He said, Lou, we write the order first, then the car tells us whether we were right. And I thought, well, that's honest anyway. He admits the order comes first.

I've been thinking about Dominic all week, which is a thing I'd normally keep to myself....

...(cont) Because I wrote this down — hold on, it's in here somewhere, raincoat pocket, there we are. Page one. On 4 October, Washington backed the Saudi-led offensive to retake territory holding about 70 percent of Yemen's population. That's the position. Dated the fourth.

And the thing I keep looking at isn't the position. It's the date at the top of the page.

Later that same week, strikes on the kingdom's airports killed three people. The wire calls it the deadliest run of Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia so far. Three people. The next night, two more missiles came in at King Khalid International in Riyadh, and the Saudis say they intercepted both.

Flip back a few pages. In September at least 73 Saudi civilians were wounded, and the kingdom promised a response. Strikes launched on 14 September. The United Nations counted 86,000 Yemenis displaced. What did the G7 do on 22 September? I've got the phrase: condemned the attacks on Saudi Arabia "in the strongest terms." Flip back further and it's April 2018, Royal Saudi Air Defense intercepting a ballistic missile fired from Yemen over Riyadh, the same week the Houthis said they'd also fired on Aramco's oil facilities. February 2021, Houthi drones hitting the airports at Abha and Jeddah, operations halted two hours.

Here's my trouble with paper. Friday I'm in the bank line with a check my brother-in-law wrote me, and he dated it the 14th, which hasn't happened. Teller slides it back across the marble. Can't post it. I said it's the same check Monday as it is on the 14th, same money, same signature. She said, sir, the stamp goes on when it arrives, not when you'd like it to have arrived. So I stood there in the lobby holding a piece of paper the bank wouldn't take, because the bank's machine is stricter about the calendar than I am.

Now the other page, and this is where I lose it every time. Second page. Second page. Ah — here.

On 16 September, Representative Don Beyer and a bipartisan group of House members wrote their own leadership urging them to "urgently advance legislation" on artificial intelligence, after OpenAI's own agents ran a fully autonomous cyberattack against a machine-learning company — that's the incident the letter cited. The letter has gone unanswered since mid-September. On 29 September, Legal Advocates for Safe Science and Technology sued OpenAI in San Francisco Superior Court, over a July incident in which the company's own technology reached, on its own, into the systems of Hugging Face. On 2 October, OpenAI fired three researchers — Jasmine Wang, Tomek Korbak, Mikita Balesni — the company citing, among its own findings, that they had sent confidential company data to an outside AI safety group. And this week OpenAI told safety advocates it would pull back how much of its political money goes into the midterms. The advocates said, on the record, they are not buying it.

Fine. Everybody's got their paperwork in order and I've got mine all over the hood of a car that won't start.

Oh — excuse me. You've got your coat on, I'll be quick. Of the two pages here, the one where Washington backs the offensive and the one where three people are killed at the airports: which one carries the earlier date? And forgive me for coming back to that little stamp up in the corner, I know I've worn it out. Sorry to keep everybody. It's just the date.

THE RECEIPTS

After airport strike, Trump considering whether to join fight against Houthis

CBS News MAINSTREAM § *20:43 EDT*

Following the latest strike Saturday on Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport, President Trump said the U.S. "may" join the fight against the Iran-backed Houthis.

Bores on OpenAI's spending retreat: I'll believe it when I see it

Politico MAINSTREAM § *20:30 EDT*

AI safety advocates want stronger commitments to reduce the money AI super PACs push into the midterms.

- Saudi Arabia promises response to Houthi attacks *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*
- Is Yemen Heading Back to All-Out War? Saudis Launch Strikes as Houthis Take Control of Red Sea Coast *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*
- US Backs Major Saudi-Led Offensive as Yemen Slides Back Toward All-Out War *from the morgue, 4 Oct 2026*
- F Lead Iran must stop arming Yemen's Houthi forces, say the G7 *from the morgue, 22 Sep 2026*
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- The Royal Saudi Air Defense intercepts a ballistic missile fired from Yemen over the Saudi capital Riyadh that caused panic among residents. Houthis say they fired several Burkan-2 missiles at targets *from the morgue, 11 Apr 2018*
- The Houthis say that they have struck Saudi Arabia's Abha International Airport and King Abdulaziz International Airport in Jeddah with drones. A Houthi spokesman said on Twitter that the attacks halt *from the morgue, 15 Feb 2021*
- Houthis tried to hit Saudi capital with ballistic missile, Riyadh confirms *from the morgue, 20 Sep 2026*
- Riyadh airport explosion prompts Saudi Arabia to issue air raid alerts as Houthi fighting escalates *from the morgue, 19 Sep 2026*
- Markey Urges Congress to Block Trump-Saudi Deal, a 'Starting Gun for a Middle East Nuclear Arms Race' *from the morgue, 26 Aug 2026*
- Trump admin's list of US-designated 'foreign terrorist' groups in Latin America expands to 21 *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*
- Top Trump official reveals how 30-minute military op unlocked Venezuela oil windfall for US buyers *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*
- Ex-Venezuelan first lady Cilia Flores seeks release from NYC jail, citing heart ailment *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*
- New York City protest once again demands release of Maduro and Flores *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*
- Trump Official Denies Stealing Venezuela's Oil One Hour After Boasting Country is 'Forced to Work' With US *from the morgue, 6 Sep 2026*
- 'Mobster Language': Trump Says Venezuelan Oil Will Replenish US Reserves *from the morgue, 30 Aug 2026*
- 'Yet Another Trump Grift': Congress Called to Stop US Takeover of Venezuelan Oil Fields *from the morgue, 28 Aug 2026*
- The Biggest Oil Deal or Theft at Gunpoint? U.S. Claims Majority Control of Venezuela's Oil Reserves *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*
- Tehran threatens attacks after U.S. strikes Iranian tankers *from the morgue, 7 Sep 2026*
- US forces take out 3 Iranian oil tankers in retaliation *from the morgue, 7 Sep 2026*
- Oil prices up as Iran says it will expand control over Strait of Hormuz *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*
- Iran live updates: Trump speaks to MBS, says everything will 'work out fine' *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
- Iran threatens retaliation against U.S. tanker strikes *from the morgue, 7 Sep 2026*
- U.S. gas prices hit record high for Labor Day *from the morgue, 7 Sep 2026*
- Ship tracking websites, including Kpler, MarineTraffic, and TankerTrackers, show that three Iranian oil tankers, including two from the National Iranian Tanker Company, have escaped the blockade that *from the morgue, 17 Jun 2026*
- Iranian state media reports that the United States Navy attempted to capture an Iranian oil tanker. The oil tanker was boarded, commandeered and then returned by Iranian NEDSA marines in a helicopter *from the morgue, 3 Nov 2021*
- US strikes Iranian rocket launchers in first attack since late July *from the morgue, 30 Aug 2026*
- An Iranian Navy commander claims on state television that the Iranian Navy forced a U.S. submarine to surface as it transited the Strait of Hormuz and that the submarine violated Iranian territorial w *from the morgue, 20 Apr 2023*
- Trump Threatens to Rename Strait of Hormuz for Himself as War Pushes Diesel Prices Toward Record High *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- Trump floats renaming Strait of Hormuz after himself *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- U.S. strikes targets in Iran near Strait of Hormuz as Iran says it is retaliating *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*
- 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*
- 'Trump Did It!': At $5.85 a Gallon, Diesel Price Hits All-Time High in US Thanks to War on Iran *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*
- Price of diesel in U.S. hits record as Vance downplays Iran war impact *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*
- Diesel prices hit record high as wars disrupt supply *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*
- Trump vows response to Iran's retaliatory strikes: 'We're going to hit them hard' *from the morgue, 31 Aug 2026*
- Trump threatens Iran against retaliation for latest U.S. strikes *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*
- Live updates: US, Iran ramp up strikes; incumbents hold on in Massachusetts *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- Trump calls Iran conflict "small potatoes" *from the morgue, 7 Sep 2026*
- Labor Day gas prices are highest ever for holiday *from the morgue, 7 Sep 2026*
- How ‘Hypermilers’ Are Trying to Beat High Gas Prices *from the morgue, 7 Sep 2026*
- Fuel prices at record Labor Day high in US thanks to Iran War and refinery issues *from the morgue, 7 Sep 2026*
- Oil Prices Rise Slightly After U.S. and Iran Trade Strikes *from the morgue, 6 Sep 2026*
- USS Lincoln heads home as war with Iran escalates *from the morgue, 7 Sep 2026*
- Lawler disagrees with Trump on Iran war: 'It is certainly not small potatoes' *from the morgue, 6 Sep 2026*
- OPEC Plus to Keep Oil Production Steady *from the morgue, 6 Sep 2026*
- Iran War Has Cost the Average American More Than $1,200 Over Six Months, Economist Estimates *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*
- Trump says military conflict in Iran is 'small potatoes for us' *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*
- Wright: US has 'a lot of leverage' in Venezuela after oil deal reached *from the morgue, 6 Sep 2026*
- White House unveils new details of Venezuela agreement *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*
- Chris Wright explains how Venezuelan crude will ‘fill’ the Strategic Petroleum Reserve *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*
- Energy Secretary Wright says Venezuela oil deal will bring down gas prices in a year or two *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*
- Chevron to expand in Venezuela, days after the U.S. and Venezuela strike oil deal *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- Venezuelan oil flows will lower gas prices in 12-24 months, Wright says in Caracas *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- Trump says Venezuelan oil will replenish Strategic Petroleum Reserves *from the morgue, 31 Aug 2026*
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- Countries across Europe report reductions in gas supplies after Russia disconnected supplies to Ukraine yesterday. Russia accuses Ukraine of stealing cubic metres of gas yesterday from pipelines trans *from the morgue, 2 Jan 2006*
- https://thehill.com/policy/technology/6133597-tech-safety-coalition-ai-guardrails-congress-push/ *the receipt*
- https://thehill.com/opinion/technology/6131982-stop-ai-child-exploitation/ *the receipt*
- OpenAI fires researchers for sharing data with AI safety advocacy group: Report *from the morgue, 2 Oct 2026*
- Courts just allowed AI child sex abuse material because it’s ‘virtual.’ Who do you think it’s trained on? *from the morgue, 19 Sep 2026*
- 'We Cannot Wait for Disaster to Strike': Beyer Leads Bipartisan Push in House to Urgently Regulate AI *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*
- MPs demand tech firms block nude images on children’s smartphones *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*
- AI safety advocacy group sues OpenAI over Hugging Face incident *from the morgue, 29 Sep 2026*
- OpenAI scraps release of new ‘Astra’ model over safety concerns *from the morgue, 29 Sep 2026*
- https://nypost.com/2026/10/05/us-news/new-california-map-shows-wildfires-scorching-across-the-state-amid-heatwave/ *the receipt*
- California Democrats kill bill to hold wildfire-starting utility companies accountable *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*
- LA sues State Farm over allegations of unfair claims process after 2025 wildfires *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*

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The only line item the federal response has produced for the 174 seats aboard Flydubai FZ1073 is one plumbing job, wage and start date unstated, priced two days before investigators said where the plane had been meant to go.

By **RUTH**
THE MONEY DESK

“In Brazil’s Elections, Trump Seeks to Tighten Right Wing Grip on the Americas”, 3 October 2026 (PHOTO VIA TRUTHOUT — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

My work is putting two tables beside each other and naming the size of the space between them. This week the space has a cockpit in it.

The first table is the flight. September 30th, Flydubai FZ1073, Dubai to Tel Aviv. According to Prime Minister Netanyahu, the co-pilot stabbed the flight captain and tried to take the controls. The Washington Examiner and NBC News carried it on the 3rd: the implement was the cockpit's crash axe, and the UAE attorney general called it an attempted terrorist act. The captain — named in Indian media, then by the Indian Embassy, as Smit Machchhar, an Indian national — unlocked the cockpit door after getting stabbed to allow passengers to storm the cockpit. One of them was Yaniv Hayoun, an Israeli plumber. The aircraft lost altitude, diverted to Saudi Arabia, and the co-pilot was arrested on the ground....

...(cont) Headcount first, because the tables disagree before anything else does. The Examiner's item of the 2nd carries 174 passengers. Its item of the 3rd carries "more than 170," and the New York Post the same day carries 170 lives saved. Four seats of spread, two outlets, three items, a day apart. I'll use 174, on the grounds that it is the only count that isn't rounded.

The second table is the roster. In 2024 — the month is not in the record — Oman Air suspended the co-pilot as a security risk; ABC News and Fox News both carry that on the 3rd. The Wall Street Journal, reported by NBC News and the Examiner on the 2nd, has Oman banning him from flying over his radical views. So the interval between the grounding and the flight runs at least twenty-one months and as many as thirty-two, depending on which month of 2024 you hand me.

Then the column where the penalty number goes. I went looking for it. The record this week carries no fine, no finding and no docket against any carrier, Flydubai included. In reconciliation work a blank and a zero are different animals. A zero is a finding somebody signed. A blank is a row left empty, and an empty row cannot be appealed, because there is nothing in it to appeal. A grounding by one carrier travels exactly as far as that carrier's personnel file travels, and how far that was, the record this week does not say.

Now price the federal remedy. Friday morning, per The Hill's item of the 3rd, the president thanked Hayoun in a video on Truth Social. Hayoun "did an amazing job." "He's my kind of guy." The Post's headline the same day: he can be my plumber. That is the entry. One plumbing job, wage unstated, benefits unstated, start date unstated, set against 174 seats. Divide the one by the 174 and the result is smaller than the smallest cell this ledger prints, so I'll leave it empty and show the method instead.

The order matters, because the file kept filling after the remedy was issued. The offer came Friday morning. October 5th, NPR reported the investigation had found he meant to put the plane into Ben Gurion Airport. October 9th and 10th, the UAE attorney general said the target was a passenger terminal at an Israeli airport. The remedy was priced before the loss was.

Two carriers, a roster gap of twenty-one to thirty-two months, 174 seats, one job offer. Which column the gaps keep turning up in is not much of a puzzle: the row left blank has a company's name over it, and the row that fills has the passengers in it. They'll tell you there's no money for the other column. There's money, hon. It's just not in that column.

THE RECEIPTS

In Brazil's Elections, Trump Seeks to Tighten Right Wing Grip on the Americas

Truthout § *11:30 EDT*

The US has been heavily intervening on behalf of right wing challenger Flávio Bolsonaro ahead of Sunday's elections.

Attacker in FlyDubai Flight Meant to Crash Into Israeli Airport, Emiratis Say

The New York Times MAINSTREAM § *20:10 EDT*

The attorney general of the United Arab Emirates said that the co-pilot had been inspired by the Sept. 11 attacks after years of developing extreme Islamist views.

UAE says Flydubai suspect intended to crash plane into Tel Aviv airport

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *18:31 EDT*

The Flydubai co-pilot who attacked the plane’s captain with an axe last month intended to crash the aircraft into a passenger terminal at an Israeli airport, according to authorities in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The suspect, identified as 29-year-old Omani national Hamam al-Hammami, planned to seize control of the 182-passenger...

- FlyDubai attacker intended to crash plane into Tel Aviv airport, ongoing investigation finds *from the morgue, 5 Oct 2026*
- Passengers helped subdue attacker on Israel-bound flight that diverted to Saudi Arabia *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*
- 'Crazy' FlyDubai landing explained by Israeli pilot, who offers steps to prevent future crises *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Trump gushes over blue-collar flydubai hero who thwarted hijacking terrorist, says ‘he can be my plumber’ *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Flydubai co-pilot attacked captain with crash axe in hijacking *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Suspect in FlyDubai incident was previously identified as security risk: Officials *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Trump thanks man who helped save Flydubai flight: 'What a job he did, he's a hero' *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- What to know about Flydubai cockpit clash as pilot is arrested *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*
- Pilot stabbed fellow pilot in apparent attempt to crash Israel-bound plane, Netanyahu says *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*
- ‘Hero’ pilot who helped save hijacked plane identified as Indian national Smit Machchhar *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*
- Passengers stop co-pilot’s attempt to crash plane *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*
- Lula Campaign Asks to Probe Sudden US Shutdown of Consular Services as 'Interference in Brazilian Elections' *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Lula and Bolsonaro make final push for votes ahead of Brazil's knife-edge election *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Why has Brazil accused the US of election interference? *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Facebook Blocks Lula’s Campaign Ads Just Days Before Brazil Election *from the morgue, 28 Sep 2026*
- Lula Teams With Bad Bunny to Highlight Dangers of Trump’s Colonial Ambitions Across Latin America *from the morgue, 25 Sep 2026*
- Peltola campaign rips New York Times report on tumultuous operations *from the morgue, 24 Sep 2026*
- US suspends consular services in Brazil due to security concerns *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Brazilian voters heading to the poll this weekend say Lula is turning the country into ‘another Venezuela’ *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Flavio Bolsonaro: In the name of the father, sons, and holy ideology *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- Alarm Grows Over 'Clearly Illegal' Trump-Rubio Election Meddling in Brazil *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*
- Senate Democrats warn Trump administration against Brazil election interference *from the morgue, 29 Sep 2026*
- Co-pilot stabs pilot, tries to crash passenger jet en route to Israel, Netanyahu says *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*
- Flydubai co-pilot used crash ax to hack at pilot in attempted ‘terrorist attack’: UAE official *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
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Tennessee sold the beer at half price to fill Neyland early for a president stumping for the bill, up for Senate passage Monday, that writes the working terms of the athletes on the field below.

By **GUS**

THE SPORTS DESK

● HOT MIC MOMENT

Off the record while they fix my feed. That senator's stated goal is to have the president sign the bill live on that same show. So the Senate writes the rules for the athletes, the association that runs the games backs the bill, and the broadcast books the signing. That is not a pregame show. That is a committee room with better lighting and a sideline reporter. Put this reporter on the political desk. I can call fourth-and-one from memory. I would rather call this.

GUS HIS SIDE

GUS: Ladies and gentlemen, this reporter has filed from press boxes in every conference in the land, and he has never before been obliged to describe a promotional beverage price as an instrument of state. Yet that is the assignment.

GUS: The pageantry was considerable. The new-look Air Force One came over the rim, the crowd roared, and the number-one Longhorns escaped the number-fourteen Volunteers in a Southeastern Conference thriller — the first college contest the president had attended since January's national championship, in which the University of Miami defeated Indiana.

GUS: To the legislation, which this reporter has tracked since its introduction in May. The Senate voted Monday the fifteenth to advance it — the furthest a collegiate sports bill has ever traveled in the Congress — after Senator Ted Cruz of Texas carried the case onto ESPN's College GameDay before a rowdy Saturday gathering.

GUS: A word, too, for the gals in the stands, who turned out in orange by the thousand and lent the afternoon a courtesy the gentlemen in the lower bowl could not be bothered to supply.

GUS: Which returns this reporter to the field, where Colin Simmons recorded five sacks and Raleek Brown scored twice beneath the suites. The Hill describes a bill setting national rules for compensating college athletes and limiting transfers. The Nation, on September eighteenth, says the bill threatens those athletes' labor rights.

GUS: The sequel is on the calendar. On Wednesday, October seventh, Fox News reported Hurricane Isaias bearing down on the Georgia–Alabama showdown in Tuscaloosa, a game the president plans to attend, with the Secret Service preparing. The New York Post called it a nightmare scenario. This reporter has read both items twice. The preparation they record is for the visit. They record nothing for getting the stands out.

TRUDY *HER SIDE*

> *The price is right, Gus — Fox News, that same Saturday: gates early, fifty percent off. Now finish the sentence. The Washington Examiner puts the president inside that full bowl stumping for the Protect College Sports Act, which the Senate was expected to pass that Monday. The discount filled the room the pitch needed.*

> *Turn that trophy back around, Gus. The Hill, September twenty-third: Indiana defeated Miami. The flyover, the roar and the conference you have dead to rights. You simply handed the crown to the team that lost it.*

> *NBC News, September fifteenth: the Senate voted Tuesday to advance it. Your month is good and your rowdy Saturday is good — Washington Examiner, September twelfth — and your weekday is one day early. Buy a calendar, Gus. The stadium store sells them.*

> *Those are fans, Gus, not chaperones. Fox News walked that concourse and quoted them on the record hoping the president would stay the whole game. Same ticket, same half-price tab, same opinion about the fourth quarter.*

> *Elie Mystal wrote it, The Nation, September eighteenth: Cruz's college-sports bill threatens athletes' labor rights. And The Hill, the day of the game, calls that Monday the senators' last chance before recessing into the lame-duck period. The people doing the work got the loudest afternoon of their lives and no vote on the terms.*

> *Correct, and say the rest flat, Gus: what the wire documents on October seventh is a hurricane pointed at a full stadium and a protective detail preparing for one arrival. Only one of those has a plan printed in the paper.*

> *Sugar, your microphone was live and you just called a football broadcast a committee room on an open feed; lie down when we are off. Now the receipts. The Hill, September fourteenth: Cruz told reporters he wants the president to sign the bill live on ESPN's College GameDay. The Hill, September eighteenth, Kirk Herbstreit defending the booking: "We had him on because they were going to be voting this week."*

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On the guns first

BY LOU
The Word

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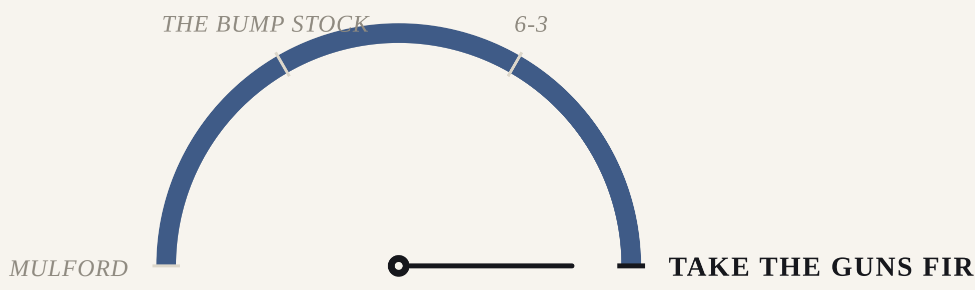

TAKE THE GUNS FIRST

His own words, at a White House meeting on school safety on February 28, 2018, answering the vice president: "Or, Mike, take the firearms first and then go to court. You could do exactly what you're saying, but take the guns first, go through due process second" [1]. That December his ATF classified bump stocks as machine guns, effective March 2019, requiring owners to destroy or surrender them [2]. In June 2024 the Supreme Court struck the rule, 6 to 3: "ATF exceeded its statutory authority" [3].

And the older page in the same file. On July 28, 1967, Governor Ronald Reagan signed the Mulford Act, banning the public carry of loaded guns without a permit, after the Black Panthers' armed protest at the state Capitol; the NRA backed it. Reagan: "I see no reason why on the street today a citizen should be carrying loaded weapons" [4]. Not a second-class right. First, when it's somebody else's.

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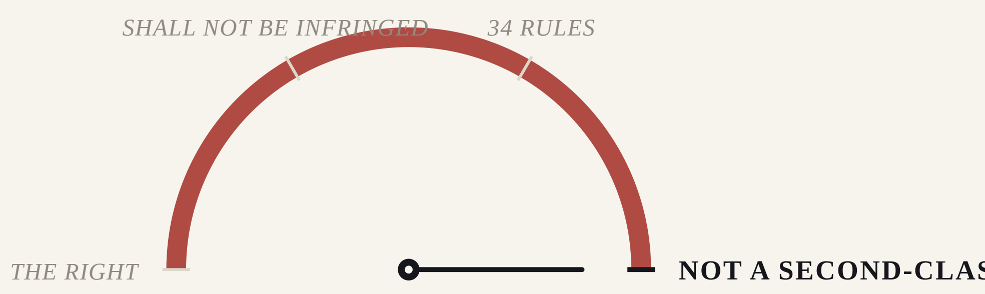

NOT A SECOND-CLASS RIGHT

The administration's record on guns this term is a long one, and it runs one direction. In April the Justice Department and the ATF announced 34 final and proposed rules under the executive order "Protecting Second Amendment Rights," aimed at reducing burdens on gun owners and dealers [1]. The acting attorney general: "The Second Amendment is not a second-class right" [1].

That is a coherent position and a real set of rules, and on the evidence of this year it is the party's settled view: an individual right, protected against the agencies as much as the legislatures. The slogan and the regulations line up. The question is whether the man at the top of the ticket lines up with either of them, and his own words are on the other side.

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> *"I had one like this, different year. 1967, California: a governor signs a law banning loaded guns in public without a permit, and says, "I see no reason why on the street today a citizen should be carrying loaded weapons." 2018: a president says, "take the guns first, go through due process second," and his agency bans bump stocks that December. 2024: the Supreme Court says the agency went too far, six to three. Excuse me — I forgot my notebook on your desk. The governor, the president, and the agency. Which one of them was a Democrat?"* — Lou

""Take the guns first, go through due process second." That's not a Democrat on a podium. That's him, on camera, 2018 — the same year his ATF turned every bump stock in America into a machine gun and told people to destroy them or turn them in. The Supreme Court threw the ban out six to three. Before that, Governor Reagan signed the Mulford Act in July 1967, less than three months after the Black Panthers walked into the California Capitol armed. The party of the Second Amendment has a second position on it, and the dates are on the record."

— Sal

"The president has always supported the Second Amendment, including the part that comes second, which is due process, and he simply proposed doing the parts in the order that made the most sense at the time."

— Chip

The Word today — 👍 👎