The Single-Column Edition

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SATURDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2026 — THE AFTERNOON EDITION FREE, FOREVER

Bolsonaro threatens to annul the election he lost, flees instead, declares himself leader anyway.

BY THE LODGERS
The Euro Desk

Today we are making a non-concession, which is not a dish you can get over here, so I will go slowly. You will need a presidential runoff held on a Sunday, a candidate who refuses to accept he lost it, a flight to Miami, and a president in Washington who has not yet said who won; there is no quick substitute for an actual concession.

Clive *Won. I am, if we are keeping score, the only person in this house who has ever actually won an argument, and I believe Gary will confirm it was Tuesday.*

Gary *Confirm nothing. The only thing settled on a Tuesday in this house is the boiler going off, and Clive conceding that was not a win, it was a draught.*

Begin with the forty-eight hours. Flavio Bolsonaro, who lost a dramatic runoff Sunday to Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, spent them refusing to concede, then threatening to annul the result outright; that part went back in the pan before it was finished, and by Wednesday he was on a plane to Miami instead.

Rob *Plane. Of course it's a plane. Does nobody else wonder who's left doing*

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THE WORD

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On the caravan

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THE CARAVAN

"My granddaughter asked me what the scariest costume was, and I said, well, in 2018 it was a caravan. October 22nd: "a National Emergy," with the typo. October 29th: "This is an invasion of our Country and our Military is waiting for you!" Fifty-two hundred troops sent the same day. Then I found a count of how often one network said the word: twelve hundred two times the week before the election. Two hundred three the week after. And the people in it were at the border in Tijuana, about a hundred asylum claims a day, three thousand names on a list. Sorry, the kids are at the door. If it was an emergency on November 5th, where was it on the 13th?" — Lou

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

THE RESCUE IS A LOAN

One section of the federal passport rules refuses the book to a parent more than $2,500 behind on child support, and lets the State Department refuse it to an American who has not paid back the seat on the flight out of a war.

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Trump's 250-foot arch for snipers and drones, built for America's 250th anniversary, draws second lawsuit this month

BY LOU
One More Question

Before I ask you anything, let me just read you the list. I wrote it all down in order, it's in the raincoat here, hold on — ah. Here it is.

April: the Commission of Fine Arts approves the arch. September 4: the Interior Secretary, Doug Burgum, announces excavation will begin. September 20: the President posts that the arch will incorporate a "top grade military complex," at the request of the U.S. military, for National Security purposes. Snipers. Drones. September 28: the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation closes its consultation with the experts and the general public. October 9: Arlington County sues. October 31, yesterday: Washington, D.C., and Virginia sue the National Park Service and the Interior Department.

That's the list. I didn't add anything to it. That's just the order it came in.

Now, the twenty-eighth. I want to go back to the twenty-eighth, and I'm sorry, because I assumed the first time that I'd copied it down backwards. The council's vice chairman, Travis Voyles, sent a letter saying the consultation was closing, and here's the reason given: addressing the experts' concerns and the general public's would require them to deviate from the

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Students marching over classroom rats enter weekend three; now showing at American rallies, three days before the vote.

BY MORT
The Records Bureau

The accurate name for what French schoolchildren are doing died on 20 October, at a rally in Kansas, at the age of roughly seven weeks. It is survived by a third weekend of marches, by an interior minister's warning, and by an American election on Tuesday. It was preceded in death by the arrest count.

It was born in September at a single school in the economically deprived suburbs of Paris: teacher shortages, overcrowded classrooms, dilapidated buildings beset by rats and falling debris. Democracy Now! reported on 6 October that nearly 2,000 high schools had been blockaded or closed.

The renaming began the following week, and renaming is penny-ante work. On 18 October the Washington Examiner reported the president telling France to "close your borders" while police arrested 1,800. On the 20th, from a stage in Kansas, the Guardian reported him attacking "migrants and communists," turning the demonstrations into a cautionary tale for American voters while his party faced midterm losses. France 24 published a fact-check on the 21st: the immigration claims were false. Inside four days the thing had been called rioting and looting, then called somebody else's invasion, and

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Trump's $8 billion farm rescue arrives at under five times what billionaires already spent steering the election

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

The war in Iran turned six months old in August with no end in sight, after the administration said it would be quick. In September, a United Nations inquiry found the strikes already carried out were likely war crimes. The Congressional Budget Office filed its own number days later: nearly $40 billion spent, and conservative, its word, not an upper bound. A senator who voted to confirm the defense secretary has since called for his firing twice, and a member of his own party has filed paperwork to impeach him. The president has said publicly the war will not conclude before the election. The farmers paying the diesel prices this war helped drive up did not get a line in any of that.

Then came the fund. On October 7th, an analysis counted $1.7 billion spent by 172 billionaire families on the 2026 midterms, the most ever recorded in a midterm cycle, most of it routed through the super PACs the 2010 Citizens United decision built for exactly this purpose. Two days after that, CBS News ran a farmer's verdict on the fund in its headline: a dime too late and a dollar too short. The same story asked John Boyd Jr., who founded

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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*

Snow held the fox's prints till the thaw,
while the farmer mended the door.

ENOCH · THE OWNERSHIP DESK

THE COUNTDOWN

Washington Examiner reports the same $994 payment five times this month, each time with fewer days left

By RUTH

THE MONEY DESK



"December Social Security direct payment worth $994 goes out in 31 days", 31 October 2026 (PHOTO VIA WASHINGTON EXAMINER — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION

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WHAT HAPPENED. The Washington Examiner published the same $994 Social Security payment amount five times this month, each time citing a different number of days until it arrives.

WHO GETS PAID. The receipts name no buyer yet.

WHAT SLIPS. The press's own job here — telling readers something new — slips into recycling one fixed number as if each countdown were news.

WHAT'S NEXT. The December $994 payment is due around December 1, and the retirement payment capped at $5,181 is due around November 10; both are already on the calendar.

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A reconciliation, then, hon. The December headline calls the payment "Social Security." The body copy, in its first sentence, names it correctly: Supplemental Security Income.

None of the five articles changes the $994. None changes the rule that produces it — the first of the month, pushed to the last business day of the one before when the first falls on a weekend. What changes, edition to edition, is the number of days between the reader and a figure that was never in motion. That is not five stories. That is one fact, filed five times, with the countdown doing the work a single sentence could do: the payment is $994, it arrives on the first of the month, next.

The retirement payment capped at $5,181 will presumably get its own run of editions before it arrives, each one subtracting a day. The arithmetic is not the news. The number of times the arithmetic gets billed as news is.

❦ FROM THE CORNER ❦

DUTCH

THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER RAN THE SAME $994 FIGURE IN FIVE HEADLINES THIS month, each one naming a different number of days until it arrives. That is not reporting, that is a countdown clock wearing a byline, selling the reader the same fact back one subtraction at a time. Because the number never moves, the only thing the reader needed was the calendar nailed to the kitchen wall, where the first of the month was already circled before the paper ever ran it.

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"They don't call it a rerun, they call it an update. Same $994, five headlines, each one just subtracting a day off a number the reader could get from a calendar nailed to the wall. That's a countdown clock wearing a press badge, counting down to a check that doesn't move while they count."

— Sal

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"This is basic constituent service — people need to know when their check arrives, and Social Security already publishes the payment calendar, so we're just reporting it. Five times. For the same payment. That does sound like a lot of times to report a date that's printed on a government website. Did I say that? That doesn't sound like me."

— Chip

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

— *Judge pauses plan to speed children through an asylum system already denying 94 percent of claims* By Mitch · the evening edition, 31 October 2026

THE RECEIPTS

December Social Security direct payment worth $994 goes out in 31 days

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *09:00 EDT*

The December 2026 Supplemental Security Income payments, worth up to $994, will be sent to recipients in 31 days. SSI payments are typically issued on the first day of each month. If the first day falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the payment is sent on the last business day of the previous month [...]

First round of November Social Security payments goes out in 10 days

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *06:00 EDT*

The first round of November Social Security payments for retirees, now capped at $5,181, will be issued in 10 days. When will payments arrive? Retirees born on or before the 10th of a month will receive this payment on Tuesday, Nov.

· November Social Security direct payment worth $994 goes out in two days *from the morgue, 28 Oct 2026*

· November Social Security direct payment worth $994 goes out in 19 days *from the morgue, 11 Oct 2026*

· November Social Security direct payment worth $994 goes out in 20 days *from the morgue, 10 Oct 2026*

· November Social Security direct payment worth $994 goes out in 23 days *from the morgue, 7 Oct 2026*

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By MORT
THE RECORDS BUREAU



"Mamdani is … right? It's time to retire New York's horse-drawn carriage tradition", 31 October 2026 (PHOTO VIA WASHINGTON EXAMINER — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ **THE SHORT VERSION**

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WHAT HAPPENED. New York City's Council voted to end horse-drawn carriages after decades of debate.

WHO GETS PAID. The receipts name no buyer yet.

WHAT SLIPS. Nothing slips here yet.

WHAT'S NEXT. The ban does not take effect until June 2028, so the industry keeps operating under today's rules until then.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

New York City's horse-drawn carriage industry died Oct. 22, when the City Council voted 40 to 7 to end it.

It did not go quietly, and it did not go fast. Mayor Zohran Mamdani and Council Speaker Julie Menin struck the deal to end it on Oct. 14; the formal vote came eight days later, Thursday afternoon, closing out decades of public debate in a single sitting. The ban itself does not take effect until June 2028, so the carriages have nineteen months of this city left in them before the law finishes the job the vote started. That is not an execution. That is a long goodbye, dressed up as a verdict....

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President Trump marked the death the same day, calling it "so sad" and attributing it "largely" to "one tragic accident" — his phrase for whatever incident the Council had spent years citing as cause. A president does not usually eulogize a municipal licensing fight. That he did here says less about the carriages than about who gets mourned in this country, and who decides.

The stranger survivor arrived nine days later. The Washington Examiner, no ally of the mayor on any other subject, ran a column headlined "Mamdani is … right?" and meant it. Decades of debate had produced plenty of malarkey from every direction, and the Examiner's own writer waited until the vote was finished before conceding the socialist mayor's side of it. That is not an endorsement. It is a eulogy, filed by the one mourner nobody expected to show, arriving later than the president's and emptier of nostalgia.

What dies here is not the horse or the park, and certainly not the clip-clop Trump mourned. It is a business model that depended on nobody counting too closely — not the hours, not the pavement, not the accidents. In lieu of flowers, the city might spend the nineteen months before June 2028 deciding what else in New York has lasted this long only because nobody ever put it to a vote.

"Decades of complaints, a 40 to 7 vote, and the president boils the whole record down to one accident he never even names. That is not grief, that is erasing the paper trail. Next time somebody tells you a program failed because of one bad apple, ask how many decades of bad apples it took to get a vote that lopsided."

— Sal

"This is heritage, this is tourism, this is a hundred and sixty years of New York character the Council torched over one tragic accident — did I say one? There might've been others the Council kept citing for years, but one is the number that fits on a sign, and nostalgia polls better than a safety record anyway."

— Chip

THE RECEIPTS

Mamdani is … right? It's time to retire New York's horse-drawn carriage tradition

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *11:00 EDT*

From the passenger seat, it is easy to understand the appeal. A horse-drawn carriage moving through Central Park offers a little piece of an older New York: the clip-clop of hooves, trees overhead, skyscrapers beyond them and, for a few minutes, the illusion that the city has slowed down. It is romantic.

· New York City moves to ban horse-drawn carriages *from the morgue, 14 Oct 2026*

· New York City votes to end century-old horse-drawn carriage industry *from the morgue, 22 Oct 2026*

· New York City votes to ban Central Park horse-drawn carriages after decades of debate *from the morgue, 23 Oct 2026*

· Trump decries Mamdani deal to ban New York City horse carriages: 'So sad' *from the morgue, 22 Oct 2026*

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"Trump and Netanyahu Need to Choose Victory on Iran", 31 October 2026
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WHAT HAPPENED. President Trump again promised that the Iran war will end "soon," without giving any further detail.

WHO GETS PAID. The receipts name no buyer yet.

WHAT SLIPS. The public's ability to hold the administration to a fixed timetable slips, since no date or detail has been given in over a month.

WHAT'S NEXT. If Congress again declines to vote on this war, it continues unchecked; that is what Congress got after it vetoed the Yemen war resolution in 2019: support for that war continued 21 more months.

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Friday the promise met its own contradictions in public. Iran's supreme leader warned the United States and Israel against new attacks, Qatari mediators kept pushing for a deal, and the president again predicted the war would end soon, again without saying how. The same day, his administration warned Iran of "consequences," and Marco Rubio raised energy security and the Strait of Hormuz at the G20. National Review asked whether the president and Netanyahu would choose victory, insisting any resumed offensive needs a clear goal to justify it — the choosing, evidently, already made for them earlier in the week, in Lubbock.

The promise is survived by a war that has not stopped, a mediation that has not closed, and a sanctions offer the president calls fiction. It is preceded in death by every earlier version of itself — the one from September, the one from the rally, the one from this morning's wire. In lieu of flowers, ask the White House for the detail it has owed since September.

"This promise renews like a subscription nobody can cancel — it comes back every few weeks with the same line, no date attached. The Strait of Hormuz gets a warning label, Rubio gets a seat at the G20, and Congress still hasn't cast a single vote on this war. "Soon" survives because nobody who could end it has to put it on the calendar."

— Sal

"You don't hand the enemy a calendar — the "soon" moves because the situation on the ground moves, that's just good operational security. And warning Iran about "consequences" the same week you're promising peace, that's leverage, that's — wait, that's also just the same threat from September with a new date stamped on it. Did I say that? Forget I said that."

— Chip

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

- *The promise that the Iran war will end "soon" turns thirty-nine days old, no details added* By Mort · the evening edition, 31 October 2026
- *Trump vows Iran war ends "whenever I want," tells Gulf allies when: after the vote.* By Mort · the afternoon edition, 28 October 2026
- *Senators demand the Iran war's accounting; Pentagon's reply is a bigger bill.* By Mort · the morning edition, 28 October 2026
- *Netanyahu predicts cheaper gas once the war ends, the war that already made Trump $4.4 million.* By Ruth · the afternoon edition, 19 October 2026
- *Trump endorses Netanyahu to keep from finishing his own war alone* By Ruth · the afternoon edition, 18 October 2026
- *Border czar teases 'criminal' probe he won't explain, DOJ explains it by raiding her home.* By Mort · the afternoon edition, 12 October 2026

THE RECEIPTS

Trump and Netanyahu Need to Choose Victory on Iran

National Review RIGHT § *06:30 EDT*

A resumed offensive must have a clear goal to justify it.

> *But:* **"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** *CNN fact check, 25 April 2025 (all 53 instances)*
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> Iran's supreme leader warns U.S., Israel against new attacks
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> *CBS News* MAINSTREAM § *11:15 EDT*
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> President Trump predicted the war with Iran is "going to end soon," without offering any details, as Qatari mediators push for a deal.

Trump admin threatens Iran with 'consequences' as allies convene amid threats of post-election escalation

Fox News RIGHT § *07:00 EDT*

The Trump administration warned Iran of consequences as Marco Rubio raised energy security and Strait of Hormuz concerns at the G20 meeting.

· Trump hints at post-midterm strikes on Iran: 'You'll see Iran in a couple of weeks' *from the morgue, 28 Oct 2026*

· Trump Issues New Mass Murder Threat, Warning Iran of 'Biggest Attack of Them All' *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*

· Trump denies Axios report that he offered Iran sanctions relief *from the morgue, 29 Sep 2026*

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By MITCH
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(PHOTO VIA FOX NEWS — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
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WHAT HAPPENED. Homeland Security says its investigation of Representative Ilhan Omar is large and targets several people.

WHO GETS PAID. The White House gains: the same case is the basis for the president's push to remove her from her House seat.

WHAT SLIPS. The voters who elected her could lose their member by a court ruling or a House vote instead of an election.

WHAT'S NEXT. The secretary says investigators expect to take the case to a grand jury, and the push to expel her is headed for the Supreme Court, where the governing case is a half-century old. The midterms are Tuesday.

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And today, 31 October, the secretary tells the New York Post the case is a "large case," targeting multiple people, led by the Justice Department. Nineteen days after agents went through her home, the public record has advanced from strong to large. I can find no charge in it. The grand jury is still something investigators expect to do.

Line two of today's wire. Fox News reports that the fight over the Omar search warrant sits with Judge James Boasberg, who also has the deportation-flights case and the California voter-rolls case, and that this raises assignment questions. Three cases about who gets removed from where, one docket, and the news is the judge.

Line three deserves a second read. The push to throw her out of the House is heading toward a Supreme Court test of Powell v. McCormack, the half-century-old precedent governing whether the House can refuse a member the voters elected — and legal experts tell Fox News that the old case may actually support expelling her, a twist they call uncharted.

So the case against her as a citizen is at the adjective stage, with the grand jury pending. The case against her as a member of Congress is already drafted for the Supreme Court. Election Day is Tuesday.

"They searched the woman's house first and they're still shopping for the noun — strong case, large case, multiple people, that's not evidence, that's a weather report. Six weeks of this and the only thing that grew is the adjective, and it's running three days out from an election. If a seat can be emptied by adjective, so can yours."

— Sal

"Nobody is targeting anybody — a judge signed that warrant, and the Justice Department does not call a case large for the fun of it. Did I say large? The secretary said large. That's scope, that's not a problem. And the real question here is how one judge ended up with all three of these, which, no, I'm not the one raising that, Fox raised that."

— Chip

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

— *Trump revives the Omar probe Obama's FBI opened in 2016, calls her claim to constitutional rights "arrogance"* By Mitch · the evening edition, 29 October 2026
— *Probe Obama opened in 2016, Biden's appointee closed in 2021, Trump reopened six days before the vote* By Mitch · the morning edition, 29 October 2026
— *DOJ's noncitizen-voter dragnet produces its first charges: the two men who faked being noncitizen voters.* By Chip · the evening edition, 28 October 2026
— *Judge Trump wanted impeached takes over fight to unseal warrant in zero-charge Omar probe, six days before vote.* By Mitch · the evening edition, 28 October 2026
— *Judge discusses 'serious consequences' for Omar probe that has filed zero charges, six days before vote.* By Mitch · the afternoon edition, 28 October 2026
— *Justice Department sues to block Alaska's certification only if the Republican loses; the election is ten days away.* By Lou · the evening edition, 24 October 2026

THE RECEIPTS

~~How Obama appointee and Trump nemesis Boasberg ended up overseeing Ilhan Omar warrant, other key cases~~

Same judge is now hearing Trump's biggest legal fights: deportation flights, voter rolls, Omar's warrant
Fox News RIGHT · *10:53 EDT*

Judge James Boasberg oversees the Ilhan Omar search warrant fight, deportation flights, and California voter rolls, raising assignment questions.

Trump push to oust Omar faces historic Supreme Court test, but legal experts see 'uncharted' twist
Fox News RIGHT · *06:00 EDT*

President Donald Trump's push to oust Ilhan Omar faces a key legal test, but experts say Powell v. McCormack may actually support her expulsion.

But: The DOJ disbanded its crypto enforcement team in April 2025 and ordered inconsistent investigations closed - while the president's family runs a crypto business *(CNBC, 8 April 2025 (Blanche memo))*

Ilhan Omar case is 'large' and targeting multiple people, reveals DHS Secretary
New York Post RIGHT · *11:18 EDT*

DHS Secretary Markwayne Mullin says a federal fraud probe into Rep. Ilhan Omar is a "large case" targeting multiple people and led by the DOJ.

· 'My Name Has Always Been Ilhan Omar': Congresswoman Calls Out 'Creep' Trump *from the morgue, 23 Oct 2026*

· Ilhan Omar deportation case complicated by procedural factors *from the morgue, 21 Oct 2026*

· Feds building case to deport 'squad' member Rep. Ilhan Omar as new details emerge about DHS raid *from the morgue, 17 Oct 2026*

· DHS Secretary Mullin calls Ilhan Omar probe a "strong case" *from the morgue, 16 Oct 2026*

· 'This Is So Appalling': Barack Obama Delivers Blistering Rebuke of Trump's Ilhan Omar Deportation Plot *from the morgue, 18 Oct 2026*

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· 'Part of the Fascist Playbook': Ilhan Omar Condemns Trump DHS Raid on Her Home *from the morgue, 13 Oct 2026*

· US federal agents raid home of Democratic congresswoman and Trump critic Ilhan Omar *from the morgue, 12 Oct 2026*

· Ilhan Omar's Home Raided by DHS Following Trump-GOP Deportation Threats *from the morgue, 12 Oct 2026*

· Federal Agents Search Home of Rep. Ilhan Omar *from the morgue, 13 Oct 2026*

· Rep. Ilhan Omar's residence searched as part of ongoing criminal investigation: DOJ *from the morgue, 13 Oct 2026*

· Rep. Ilhan Omar's D.C. home searched by Homeland Security investigators *from the morgue, 12 Oct 2026*

· Rep. Ilhan Omar's DC home raided by DHS as part of probe into Dem's immigration paperwork *from the morgue, 12 Oct 2026*

· Homan confirms 'criminal' investigation involving Ilhan Omar, says he knows 'things are going on' *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*

· WATCH: Ilhan Omar denies feds have contacted her after border czar Homan confirms 'criminal' investigation *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*

· Could Trump revoke Ilhan Omar's citizenship for alleged brother marriage? Ex federal prosecutor breaks it down *from the morgue, 29 Sep 2026*

· Did Ilhan Omar marry her own brother? The claims explained *from the morgue, 22 Sep 2026*

· Russia's Lavrov blasts US, Western allies as "warmongers' in fiery UN tirade *from the morgue, 26 Sep 2026*

· Russia and China unite against US over Iran and Cuba in UN speeches *from the morgue, 26 Sep 2026*

· U.S. military lays groundwork for potential action around Cuba *from the morgue, 26 Sep 2026*

· The United Nations Security Council has resoundingly rejected a United States bid to extend a global arms embargo on Iran. In a Security Council vote, United States only got support from the Dominican *from the morgue, 14 Aug 2020*

· U.S. Threatens New Economic War on Iran by Targeting China & Tehran's Other Top Trading Partners *from the morgue, 25 Aug 2026*

· In Defiant UN Speech, Iranian President Says US and Israel Are the Real Terrorists *from the morgue, 23 Sep 2026*

· Trump slams reporting on removal of his endorsements from GOP candidate's website *from the morgue, 27 Sep 2026*

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

· GOP hopeful removes 'Pro-Trump' mention from campaign slogan in deep-red seat *from the morgue, 23 Sep 2026*

· Where Trump's 2026 endorsement record stands after primary season *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*

· U.N. experts say U.S. may have committed war crimes with 2 Iran strikes *from the morgue, 22 Sep 2026*

· Trump Says 'Big Decision' Coming on Whether to 'Annihilate' Iran *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*

· Pentagon No. 3 frustrates senators in closed-door briefing on Iran war, Trump defense strategy *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· Senate Democrats, minus Fetterman, urge Hegseth to provide receipt for Iran war costs *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· Hegseth on "devastation" to Iran's capabilities *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*

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

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

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

· Tillis supports Hegseth impeachment resolution: 'He needs to go' *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*

· Massie Files Impeachment Articles Against Hegseth for Illegal Iran War, Boat Murders *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

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

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

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

· Farmer who voted for Trump says farmers are "all just in survival mode" *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*

· Farmer who voted for Trump says "I can't stay in business" amid rising costs *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*

· 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*

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

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

· 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*

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· 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*

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· 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*

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

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

· 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*

· Warsh under pressure as Fed weighs rate hike *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

· Inflation held at 3.4% in August in consumer price index, creating tough choice for Warsh Fed *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*

· Warsh indicates Fed could raise rates to cool inflation *from the morgue, 28 Aug 2026*

· Key U.S. Bond Rate Near 20-Year High as Oil Prices Keep Climbing *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

· 10-year Treasury yield hits highest level since 2007, oil surges above $105 as Fed expected to hike interest rates *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

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Trump's 250-foot arch for snipers and drones, built for America's 250th anniversary, draws second lawsuit this month

By LOU

ONE MORE QUESTION

"DC, Virginia sue to block Trump's triumphal arch", 31 October 2026
(PHOTO VIA THE HILL — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ **THE SHORT VERSION**
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. Washington, D.C., and Virginia sued the Interior Department and the Park Service to stop the president's triumphal arch.

WHO GETS PAID. The military got the complex it asked for, and the president got a design the historic-preservation council said it could not change.

WHAT SLIPS. Expert and public comment was cut off in September, so the only check left on a monument Congress never voted on is a judge.

WHAT'S NEXT. If the closed consultation holds, the design stands while courts take months. That is what Washington got after September 4, when Interior announced excavation even as an attorney said there was no legal authority, and the project reached a second lawsuit on October 31.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

Before I ask you anything, let me just read you the list. I wrote it all down in order, it's in the raincoat here, hold on — ah. Here it is.

April: the Commission of Fine Arts approves the arch. September 4: the Interior Secretary, Doug Burgum, announces excavation will begin. September 20: the President posts that the arch will incorporate a "top grade military complex," at the request of the U.S. military, for National Security purposes. Snipers. Drones. September 28: the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation closes its consultation with the experts and the general public. October 9: Arlington County sues. October 31, yesterday: Washington, D.C., and Virginia sue the National Park Service and the Interior Department....

...(cont) That's the list. I didn't add anything to it. That's just the order it came in.

Now, the twenty-eighth. I want to go back to the twenty-eighth, and I'm sorry, because I assumed the first time that I'd copied it down backwards. The council's vice chairman, Travis Voyles, sent a letter saying the consultation was closing, and here's the reason given: addressing the experts' concerns and the general public's would require them to deviate from the president's vision for the project. A preservation group said it was gobsmacked. That's their word, not mine.

I keep coming back to it — sorry — because of the eight days. On the twentieth, the military asked for a change, and the President wrote that he had agreed to convert the arch. Eight days later the letter goes out explaining that changes can't be addressed.

And before either of those, on the fourth of September, an attorney named Nicolas Sansone said the administration had no legal authority to begin work on its monumental arch. The excavation announcement came that same Thursday anyway.

Here's what I can't get past, and it's small. My car's been going to the same garage for eleven years, fan belt, always the fan belt. Last time the kid hands me a clipboard at the counter, and the clipboard says, tell us anything else you've noticed. So I notice. I write down the shimmy at forty, I write down the wiper. He reads it, he hands the clipboard back to me, and he says he can't put those on the ticket, because the ticket's already approved and anything I noticed would change the ticket. Then he asks me to initial the bottom. I'm still paying for the clipboard, is my point. I paid a man to ask me.

I apologize, I'm on the twenty-eighth again. Somebody typed that letter. Somebody printed it, somebody signed it, somebody carried it down a hallway to go out. That's a person walking a piece of paper across a room to tell the experts that the review they were in the middle of had reached the one answer it wasn't allowed to reach.

Then October 9. Arlington County sues over a 250-foot arch, citing tourism and the safety of local residents. Two hundred fifty feet, for the 250th anniversary of the country, planted between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. The people buried there don't get a comment period either, but nobody closed theirs on a Monday.

Which brings us to yesterday. D.C. and Virginia, in federal court, against the Park Service and Interior, arguing the thing should have required congressional approval and that its height is a problem. That's the second suit this month. The consultation cost somebody nothing to shut. The lawsuits cost two states and a county their lawyers.

Excuse me — before you go, you've got your hand on the door. Just one thing. Two requests landed in September. The military's, on the twentieth, which got the arch changed. The public's, which was still open on the twenty-eighth. So which of those two turned out to be the deviation from the president's vision?

❦ FROM THE CORNER ❦

DUTCH

On September 28 the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation closed its consultation with experts and the public, because addressing their concerns would require deviating from the president's vision. Eight days before that, the President posted that the arch will carry a top grade military complex, snipers and drones, at the military's request. That is not a monument with a comment period, it is a weapons platform with the suggestion box nailed shut and a ribbon on it: the council closed the file, so the only desk left that takes an objection is a federal courtroom, which is why Virginia and the District had to put paid lawyers in front of a judge yesterday to say the same thing you already wrote by hand on the comment form that is still sitting on your desk.

"They shut the public consultation because answering the public would mean changing the drawing — that is not a review, that is a receipt for your own silence. It took Arlington County on the 9th, then D.C. and Virginia yesterday, to get a judge to look at a 250-foot arch with a military complex in it going up next to Arlington National Cemetery. They tell you there's no money and no time for your concerns; there's money, it's going into snipers and drones on a monument to a birthday."

— Sal

"The Commission of Fine Arts cleared this back in April, so the review happened, and the consultation closed because it had run its course, not because — did I say that? That doesn't sound like me. The military requested the security features themselves, for National Security purposes, and frankly two lawsuits in a month is how you can tell a project is significant."

— Chip

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- *Bolsonaro loses Brazil's election, flees to US with Trump's help, declares himself its leader.* By The Lodgers · the evening edition, 29 October 2026
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- *Governor opens criminal probe into the one Alaska candidate whose win a federal suit seeks to void* By Sterling · the morning edition, 29 October 2026

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But: The White House ballroom was announced at $200 million and now costs $400 million; the East Wing was demolished for it *Fortune, 6 April 2026*

DC, Virginia sue to block Trump's triumphal arch

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *10:43 EDT*

Washington, D.C., and Virginia sued the National Parks Service and Interior Department to block President Trump's proposed triumphal arch on Saturday, a new court filing shows. The planned arch would resemble arches in other cities, including Paris's Arc de Triomphe, and be constructed on the border between D.C. and Virginia.

But: The White House ballroom was announced at $200 million and now costs $400 million; the East Wing was demolished for it *Fortune, 6 April 2026*

DC and Virginia sue to block Trump's Triumphal Arch in latest legal challenge

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *11:24 EDT*

Washington, D.C., and Virginia on Saturday sued to block President Donald Trump from building the White House's proposed Triumphal Arch. The arch, planned between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, has faced intense opposition from critics on the basis of concerns that it should require congressional approval, and...

· Trump's Triumphal Arch faces new lawsuit from Arlington County *from the morgue, 9 Oct 2026*

· 'No Legal Basis' to Begin Excavation for Trump 'Vanity Arch' in DC, Say Critics *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*

· Arlington County sues to block Trump arch after project gets key approval *from the morgue, 9 Oct 2026*

· Preservation Group 'Gobsmacked' as Trump Admin Dismisses Public Concern Over Triumphal Arch *from the morgue, 28 Sep 2026*

· Trump says triumphal arch to be used for snipers, drones *from the morgue, 20 Sep 2026*

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Students marching over classroom rats enter weekend three; now showing at American rallies, three days before the vote.

By MORT
THE RECORDS BUREAU

"France heads into third weekend of protests as youth-led rallies erupt across Europe", 31 October 2026 (PHOTO VIA NEW YORK POST — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
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WHAT HAPPENED. French students entered a third weekend of protests over school funding; Trump's rallies call the protests migrant and communist unrest.

WHO GETS PAID. Republicans three days from the midterms get campaign footage out of a foreign school-funding fight.

WHAT SLIPS. One outlet filed the same Saturday's arrest count at 135 and at nearly 1,000, so readers lose the plain record of what police did.

WHAT'S NEXT. If the mass arrests hold, few end in convictions; Washington charged 234 people after the January 2017 march, convicted no defendant who went to trial, and dropped the last 39 cases in July 2018.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

The accurate name for what French schoolchildren are doing died on 20 October, at a rally in Kansas, at the age of roughly seven weeks. It is survived by a third weekend of marches, by an interior minister's warning, and by an American election on Tuesday. It was preceded in death by the arrest count.

It was born in September at a single school in the economically deprived suburbs of Paris: teacher shortages, overcrowded classrooms, dilapidated buildings beset by rats and falling debris. Democracy Now! reported on 6 October that nearly 2,000 high schools had been blockaded or closed....

...(cont) The renaming began the following week, and renaming is penny-ante work. On 18 October the Washington Examiner reported the president telling France to "close your borders" while police arrested 1,800. On the 20th, from a stage in Kansas, the Guardian reported him attacking "migrants and communists," turning the demonstrations into a cautionary tale for American voters while his party faced midterm losses. France 24 published a fact-check on the 21st: the immigration claims were false. Inside four days the thing had been called rioting and looting, then called somebody else's invasion, and the students got a vote on neither name.

The count went next. Fox News filed one Saturday's arrests at 135, and later in the month at nearly 1,000. The Morning Star reported on 25 October that more than half a million people marched over school funding and the soaring cost of living, that the government put the arrests near a thousand, and that tear gas and water cannon met the Paris march near its endpoint. Of the figures in circulation — 135, nearly 1,000, 1,800 — one of them is the number of people who spent that night in a cell. The footage runs the same either way.

Which brings us to tonight. The New York Post reports a third weekend beginning and Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez warning of a "very high risk" of disorder, especially after dark on Halloween. The schools are still the schools. The rats are still the rats. Three days from now Americans vote, and some of them will have seen all this on a screen behind a podium, under a caption written in Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, ask whoever shows you the footage what the marchers asked for, and check the arrest count twice before Tuesday.

"Kids marched because there are rats in their school and the building drops pieces on them, and inside two days that became an immigration ad in Kansas. Same month, the same network files one Saturday at 135 arrests and then at nearly a thousand — pick a number, because the picture plays fine with either one under it. Three days from now people vote here on a feeling they got from a crowd over there that was asking for a working classroom."

— Sal

"Look, the man never said the schools were fine — did I say that? That doesn't sound like me — he said close your borders, which is a separate point, and a half a million people in the street with water cannon is not exactly a bake sale. The arrest figure moved because the situation was moving; nobody's hiding anything, the second number is bigger, which if anything proves our side was being conservative. And honestly, whether it's rats or riots, the lesson for Tuesday is the same, so I don't see what we're arguing about."

— Chip

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— *Students protesting rats and falling debris in their schools became footage at Trump's midterm rallies; one Saturday's arrest count was filed at 135, then nearly 1,000.* By Mort · the evening edition, 25 October 2026

THE RECEIPTS

France heads into third weekend of protests as youth-led rallies erupt across Europe

New York Post RIGHT § *03:29 EDT*

Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez warned of a "very high risk" of disorder, especially after dark on Halloween.

· 'The Government Is Trembling': Protests Erupt in France, Spreading to 140 Cities *from the morgue, 17 Oct 2026*

· Police and protesters clash across France *from the morgue, 25 Oct 2026*

· Trump attacks 'migrants and communists' as he tries to exploit France unrest *from the morgue, 20 Oct 2026*

· Trump's former campaign manager on GOP ahead of midterms: 'It's ugly' *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*

· France on edge: nearly 800 protests as police clash with demonstrators *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*

· More than 1,000 arrested in France as protesters and police clash *from the morgue, 26 Oct 2026*

· 135 people arrested across France as police find potential weapons on protestors, official says *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*

· Nearly 1,000 arrested across France as police find potential weapons on protestors: officials *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*

· French CEO warns 'purely chaotic' riots prove the country has reached the 'dead end of socialism' *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*

· Trump tells France 'close your borders' as police arrest 1,800 in violent protests *from the morgue, 18 Oct 2026*

· Trump exploits France riots to push false immigration claims ahead of midterms *from the morgue, 21 Oct 2026*

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· Mass protests challenge Macron as French police use tear gas and water cannons *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*

· BROADCAST BIAS: Networks show France burning but highlight 'peaceful' protesters *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*

· Police fire tear gas at barricaded high school in Paris as protests spread to Belgium *from the morgue, 8 Oct 2026*

· Police and masked protesters clash in Brussels as anti-austerity rally of thousands *from the morgue, 9 Oct 2026*

· BBC calls France protests 'mostly peaceful' as footage shows rioters torching cars, battling police *from the morgue, 19 Oct 2026*

· 'This Is Going Global': Anti-Austerity Protests Spread From Spain and France to Chile, Belgium, and Beyond *from the morgue, 8 Oct 2026*

· Macron slams Trump for 'stupid' comments about French riots and warns public of 'foreign manipulation' *from the morgue, 21 Oct 2026*

· France has fallen. America can't be next *from the morgue, 21 Oct 2026*

· Anarchy in France: Behind the riots and violent protests *from the morgue, 21 Oct 2026*

· How Trump's camp is exploiting France's riots to energize the MAGA base ahead of US midterms *from the morgue, 21 Oct 2026*

· Macron scoffs at Trump arch rivalry: 'Monuments are bigger than ourselves' *from the morgue, 23 Sep 2026*

· French student riots spill across Europe as Belgian minister attributes violence to antifa *from the morgue, 8 Oct 2026*

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· 'The Bastille Has Been Retaken,' Declares Mélenchon as Student-Led Protests Hit New Heights in France *from the morgue, 8 Oct 2026*

· Trump finds ominous campaign message in French riots *from the morgue, 20 Oct 2026*

· Trump returns to Washington amid midterms campaign blitz as new polls reveal voters's concern about US economy – live *from the morgue, 15 Oct 2026*

· The Movement: Paris is burning. The American right is watching. *from the morgue, 20 Oct 2026*

· Torched cars, ransacked businesses: Anti-Sharia crusader warns France 'civil war' could be imported to US *from the morgue, 20 Oct 2026*

· The Anti-French Revolt in France *from the morgue, 20 Oct 2026*

· France in Flames *from the morgue, 20 Oct 2026*

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· Trump threads needle between communist attacks against Democrats and warm embrace of Xi *from the morgue, 25 Sep 2026*

· France's insane student protests are really about a growing radical Muslim population that wants to get rid of democracy *from the morgue, 10 Oct 2026*

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· Pritzker: Vance is Trump's 'chief bootlicker' *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*

· Bessent Defends Faltering Bond Market Intervention *from the morgue, 15 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*

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· 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*

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· Trump's $5,000 dividend falls flat with GOP senators *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

· Trump sees backlash over $5K dividend pledge *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*

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Trump's $8 billion farm rescue arrives at under five times what billionaires already spent steering the election

By RUTH
THE MONEY DESK

■ THE SHORT VERSION
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WHAT HAPPENED. The Trump administration released an emergency farm relief fund just before Election Day, after earlier cutting the same aid.

WHO GETS PAID. The announcement bought goodwill for the party's midterm campaign in farm states, delivered at a campaign rally in Kansas.

WHAT SLIPS. No recorded congressional vote preceded the payout, so the public's check on election-season emergency spending slips to the White House's own calendar.

WHAT'S NEXT. If the pattern holds, expect another relief gesture timed to the political calendar rather than the price; that is what Washington got after 31 March 2022: a 180-million-barrel reserve release framed as relief from "Putin's Price Hike at the Pump."

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

The war in Iran turned six months old in August with no end in sight, after the administration said it would be quick. In September, a United Nations inquiry found the strikes already carried out were likely war crimes. The Congressional Budget Office filed its own number days later: nearly $40 billion spent, and conservative, its word, not an upper bound. A senator who voted to confirm the defense secretary has since called for his firing twice, and a member of his own party has filed paperwork to impeach him. The president has said publicly the war will not conclude before the election. The farmers paying the diesel prices this war helped drive up did not get a line in any of that.

Then came the fund. On October 7th, an analysis counted $1.7 billion spent by 172 billionaire families on the 2026 midterms, the most ever recorded in a midterm cycle, most of it routed through the super PACs the 2010 Citizens United decision built for exactly this purpose. Two days after that, CBS News ran a farmer's verdict on the fund in its headline: a dime too late and a dollar too short. The same story asked John Boyd Jr., who founded the National Black Farmers Association, to share his thoughts; it did not print those thoughts as the line....

...(cont) Run the ledger. Eight billion divided by one point seven billion comes to about four hundred seventy percent, call it under five times over. Five times what 172 families spent to steer this election is what the fund came to for the people growing the food the same war taxed. The families' money moved first, filed and counted by October 7th. The fund moved second, after the cost of the war that drove the prices was already logged at nearly $40 billion and called conservative.

The dime-too-late farmer and the 172 billionaire families are reading the same federal budget, hon. One of them wrote it.

❦ FROM THE CORNER ❦

DUTCH

THE $1.7 BILLION FROM 172 BILLIONAIRE FAMILIES POSTED ON OCTOBER 7TH; THE $8 billion farm fund posted thirteen days after it, at a rally in Kansas. That isn't relief, it's a receipt for services already rendered. The fund rides the same ledger as the war that pushed diesel higher, so the diesel bill reaches your truck before the relief check does, and it's the diesel receipt sitting in your glovebox that's dated first.

“They cut the farm checks, then handed them back eight billion dollars heavier two weeks before people vote, and they're calling that generosity. The same month, 172 billionaire families had already dropped one point seven billion steering who wins this election outright. Do that math once and you see which number buys the vote and which one just quiets the guy who grows the food.”

— Sal

“This is farmers-first governance, not an election stunt — it's pure coincidence the check cleared two weeks before people voted, farmers just happen to need help every October. And the billionaire money is private citizens exercising their rights, totally unconnected to anything the administration is doing — wait, did I just connect those? Forget I said that.”

— Chip

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Whether it's enough to smooth over tensions with that constituency remains to be seen.

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On the caravan

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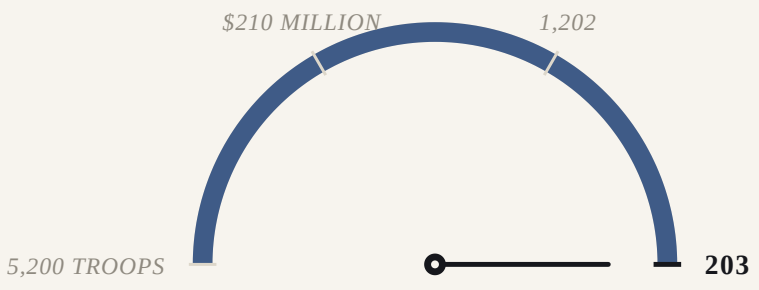

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The response. On October 29, 2018, the Pentagon announced 5,200 troops for the border in "Operation Faithful Patriot" [1]. Its report to Congress put the cost at $210 million: $72 million for about 5,900 active-duty troops through December 15, and $138 million for 2,100 Guard troops [2].

The attention. By Grabien's count, Fox News said "caravan" 1,202 times from October 30 to November 5, the week before the election, and 203 times from November 7 to 13, the week after — a drop of 83 percent; CNN went from 834 to 75, MSNBC from 586 to 110 [3]. The people themselves were in Tijuana by mid-November, with about 100 asylum claims processed a day and more than 3,000 names on the wait list [4]. The emergency ended on Election Day. The caravan was still there.

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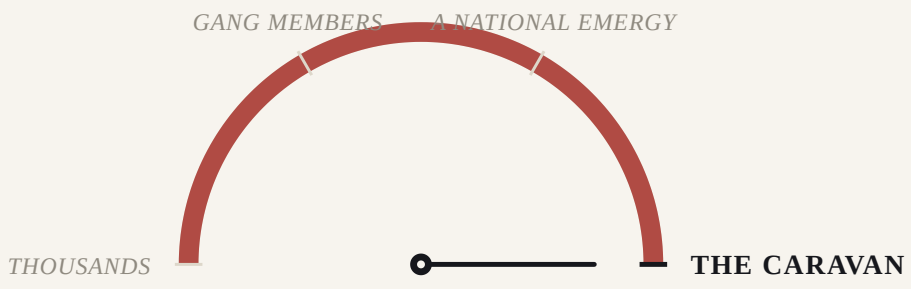

THE CARAVAN

The alarm, in his words. October 22, 2018: "Sadly, it looks like Mexico's Police and Military are unable to stop the Caravan heading to the Southern Border of the United States. Criminals and unknown Middle Easterners are mixed in. I have alerted Border Patrol and Military that this is a National Emergy. Must change laws!" [1]. October 29: "This is an invasion of our Country and our Military is waiting for you!" [2].

The caravan was real, and it was large. The United Nations counted about 7,200 people as of October 22; Mexico's government said about 3,630 two days later; the AP estimated 4,000 to 5,000 on October 28 [3]. Several thousand people walking north toward the border is a genuine event for the agencies that meet them, and a president who calls attention to it is describing something that existed. What happened to the attention is on the other side.

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"My granddaughter asked me what the scariest costume was, and I said, well, in 2018 it was a caravan. October 22nd: "a National Emergy," with the typo. October 29th: "This is an invasion of our Country and our Military is waiting for you!" Fifty-two hundred troops sent the same day. Then I found a count of how often one network said the word: twelve hundred two times the week before the election. Two hundred three the week after. And the people in it were at the border in Tijuana, about a hundred asylum claims a day, three thousand names on a list. Sorry, the kids are at the door. If it was an emergency on November 5th, where was it on the 13th?" — Lou

"Halloween's the right day for this one. October 2018, a week before the midterms: the caravan. "Criminals and unknown Middle Easterners are mixed in." Fifty-two hundred troops, two hundred ten million dollars. Fox said the word twelve hundred and two times the week before the election. The week after: two hundred three. Eighty-three percent of the monster went home the minute the polls closed. It's four days to another midterm. Check the closet."

— Sal

"Coverage of the caravan declined after the election because the caravan had been successfully deterred by the coverage, which is the most cost-effective border security ever devised."

— Chip

The Word today — 👍 👎