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Florida State will pay Mike Norvell $50.3 million to stop coaching, three years after the 63-3 Orange Bowl loss CBS Sports says broke the program.

BY GUS
The Sports Desk

HOT MIC MOMENT

Put me on the political desk. A board of trustees found $50.3 million in a weekend to pay a man to stop working, and the Washington Examiner spent November 2nd complaining in print that we won World War II faster than we can plug in a power plant. That same day the Guardian reported what the bill looks like from the other end: a monthly power bill in Arizona reaching $400, the highest it had ever been, in the state's hottest summer on record. The utilities and the data center industry say there is no money. There is money. It is in the athletic department.

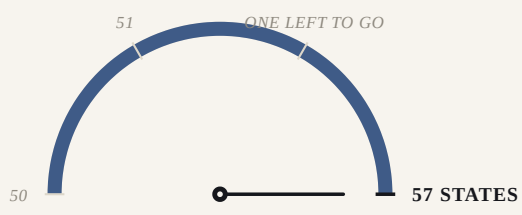
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THE WORD

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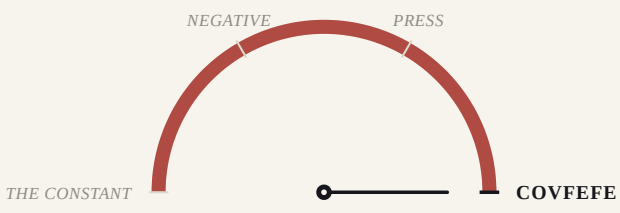
On covfefe

DEMOCRAT



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COVFEFE

"I keep a dictionary by the phone, the big one, my wife's mother left it to us. It goes from "covey" to "cow." There's no page for it. So I went to the press secretary, and he says the president and a small group of people know exactly what he meant. Well, fine. That's a source. Sorry, one thing before you go. That was more than nine years ago, and I'm sure they're busy people. Has anybody called them?" — Lou

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

EIGHTY-ONE DEGREES

The state register's page for the nursing-home cooling rule lists 1,361 notices of homes asking for more time, and two rulings on them, neither a grant nor a denial.

... Continued on the Investigative Reporting page

The State Department is offering $20 million and relocation for tips on Iran's nuclear scientists, taken by Signal, announced on X.

BY MITCH
Investigations

The posting went up on X on Saturday, November 7, over Central Command's name, and it reads like a classified ad for hardware. Up to $20 million, "and possible relocation," from Rewards for Justice, a State Department program established in 1984, for information about Iran's nuclear program.

All together now — down the list of what the government is shopping for: "nuclear scientists and staff," then "nuclear program-related technologies and capabilities," then "associated organizations and personnel." Tips by Signal or Tor. The $20 million is a ceiling, the way a sale price is a ceiling.

Hold the posting next to the complaint it answers. On September 10 the United Nations' nuclear watchdog reported Iran to the Security Council, the first such referral in twenty years, over Iran's failure to cooperate with investigators examining uranium traces found at undeclared sites. Iran called the program peaceful. The watchdog's complaint was narrower than the traces themselves: Tehran would not explain them. Two months later the United States put a retail price on that explanation, payable to a stranger with an encrypted messaging app.

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A Pentagon-funded satellite program capped Ukraine's air defense at 100 miles an hour for ten days, and the order was admitted on the day it was lifted.

BY THE WRECKING CREW
The Remedy Desk

The assignment this week was not to find the scandal. The scandal filed itself. The job was to look at what was sitting beside it on the bench.

Tuesday evening, Ukraine's military lost access to Starlink terminals, and the Guardian reported the failures struck terminals travelling at high speeds. By Wednesday the fourteenth, presidential adviser Serhiy Beskrestnov had written on Telegram that the limits came without warning; The Hill carried it, citing Reuters. The threshold was 100 miles an hour. A speed cap is a number typed into a field by somebody with an account.

That same Wednesday, Musk said decisions to restrict the speed or usage of Starshield are made by the U.S. military and, ultimately, the president, The Hill reported. Senator Thom Tillis asked him publicly to explain, and said he hoped the overnight disruptions were an error rather than a deliberate decision. That same Wednesday, a Russian attack cut power to 600,000 people in Kyiv, and CBS News reported the administration may have withheld intelligence warnings about strikes that killed six. Zelensky, that Wednesday: "It's a pity that we are losing a strong partner."

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Two votes at the Federal Communications Commission ended the decades-old limit on television consolidation; $22 billion goes to the next merger a month later.

BY STERLING
The Ownership Desk

You will have seen the word repeal and pictured a vote in Congress. Put that down. The limit on consolidation among television broadcasters — decades old, and it was Congress that wrote it — came off the books in August, two votes to one, along party lines, at the Federal Communications Commission, pushed by the chair, Brendan Carr. Two votes. A rule of that age does not die of old age. It gets outvoted. Outvoted, mind you, not refuted, and the outvoting obliges nobody to say the rule was wrong.

Then the coalition, and here you must watch the order of things. Nonprofit groups and labour unions filed an emergency petition — the wire of October 10 reports it filed on the Friday — calling the commission's decision "plainly contrary to law" and a breach of "core administrative law principles." Plainly contrary. Quite possibly correct, too. And what had the calendar done in the meantime? On October 6, Paramount completed its takeover of Warner Bros Discovery, and the result operates now as Skydance. The completion is dated before the filing. Do take that in.

A court may decline to answer a question when the answer no longer

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"Nothing up there is a conspiracy. That's the part that should worry you — it's all on the record, filed, stamped, and in a couple of cases notarized."

— Sal

"Nothing here is a scandal. A scandal requires surprise, and I can assure you nobody involved was surprised."

— Chip

THE WEEK, FROM ENOCH

The second winter, a man watched the pass. Salt came, and no cart brought it.

ENOCH · THE OWNERSHIP DESK

The Sunday edition · 1 – 7 November 2026

A panel of Trump appointees approved his 250-foot arch for drones and snipers with no appropriation behind it, and a federal judge halted work before midnight.

By MORT
THE RECORDS BUREAU

"Trump's 250-foot triumphal arch gets green light from key federal panel — but judge blocks construction for at least 14 days", 6 November 2026
(PHOTO VIA NEW YORK POST — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

Independent federal design review of the national capital died on Friday, in Washington. It was born by statute, in a century that assumed what gets built across the Potomac from the Lincoln Memorial is a question with more than one person in it. The cause of death was a vote in its favor.

The file opens, as these files do, with an approval. In April the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts signed off on a 250-foot triumphal arch for the traffic circle between Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington Memorial Bridge, directly across the water from the Lincoln Memorial....

...(cont) Then the drawing grew a purpose. On September 20th the president said the arch would now double as a military complex, built to house drones and snipers. The next day, Monday the 21st, Representative Mike Simpson of Idaho, a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, said he opposed paying for the project out of the defense budget, and that other military needs should come first — a Republican appropriator, on the record, saying the money his own committee hands the Pentagon has better places to be.

That Wednesday the rivalry declined to show up. Asked about the president's claim that the new arch would blow the Paris monument away "in every way," President Emmanuel Macron said, "Monuments are bigger than ourselves."

The review itself went the Thursday before September 28. Travis Voyles, the Trump-appointed vice chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, sent civil society and preservation groups a letter informing them the federal review was over, because addressing their concerns and those of the general public would require deviating from the president's vision for the project. One preservation group said it was "gobsmacked." That letter is the death certificate, and it is unusually honest for one: the consultation was not closed because it found nothing. It was closed because of what it would have required. A review is a nuisance by design. It is the shit that gets in the way of a man in a hurry, and that is the whole of its job description.

So Friday arrived with the outcome already assembled. A panel stacked with the president's own appointees voted yes, and before midnight the same day a federal judge blocked all work on it. Three lawsuits stand between the drawings and the ground. No appropriation for a triumphal arch has ever cleared Congress; the ledger line simply does not exist.

A review runs on facts both sides concede, which is the other thing that got retired this autumn. In a September 2nd piece, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick was quoted as having once said data centers "suck water" — plainly, in quotation marks, as a man states a condition. The same file has him calling the water question propaganda, which is a longer way of saying hogwash. A procedure cannot survive in a government where last year's sentence can be reclassified as somebody else's lie.

Independent federal design review is survived by the panel that voted to approve, by the two defense secretaries attached to the project, by three lawsuits, and by one federal judge, who did late on a Friday night what a commission is supposed to do at a Thursday meeting. It is preceded in death by the budget line that was never written, and by the consultation that was closed in September rather than answered.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you look for the appropriation that pays for this arch, and, when you cannot find it, ask the member of Congress whose name is on your ballot how the drawings got this close to the ground without one.

THE RECEIPTS

Trump's 250-foot triumphal arch gets green light from key federal panel — but judge blocks construction for at least 14 days
New York Post RIGHT § *01:55 EST*

In an 8-4 vote, the commission approved plans to build the 250-foot-high arch just across the Potomac River from the Lincoln Memorial, on a traffic circle between Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington Memorial Bridge.

~~Federal judge temporarily halts building work on Trump's triumphal arch~~
Panel approved the arch over dozens of objectors. Hours later, a judge halted it.
The Guardian MAINSTREAM § *09:04 EST*

US judge issues 14-day block on construction on DC monument after it was approved by planning commission A federal judge in the early hours of Friday blocked any construction work from beginning on Donald Trump 's towering triumphal arch for 14 days, a major setback for one of the president's most prominent projects in his vision to...

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*
Judge Promptly Blocks Work on Trump's Triumphal Arch After It's Approved
The New York Times MAINSTREAM § *01:14 EST*

The judge acted swiftly after a federal planning board led by the president's allies approved Trump's 250-foot arch project on Thursday.

~~NCPC approves plan to build Trump's triumphal arch~~
Panel approves Trump's arch 8-4 after nine hours of public opposition
The Hill MAINSTREAM § *22:34 EST*

The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) on Thursday voted to approve plans to build a triumphal arch championed by President Trump between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. The motion to approve the project passed by an 8-4 vote after listening to over 100 public remarks largely against the project after a...

· Virginia and DC sue to stop Trump's arch as government looks to start construction *from the morgue, 31 Oct 2026*

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

· DC, Virginia sue to block Trump's triumphal arch *from the morgue, 31 Oct 2026*

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

· French police arrest 1,800 after clashes and looting *from the morgue, 18 Oct 2026*

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

· 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*

· Macron says violent rioters will be 'prosecuted and punished' as buildings burn in France *from the morgue, 17 Oct 2026*

· '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*

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

· Ro Khanna thinks torching Jewish businesses is an 'inspiring' youth movement *from the morgue, 20 Oct 2026*

· 'Page one of repressive playbook': critics warn of Trump's conspiratorial attacks *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*

· 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*

· The Big Beautiful Bill Is Starting to Bite Before the Election *from the morgue, 23 Sep 2026*

· 'Sickening and Unacceptable': Anger Mounts as Trump and Vance Gleefully Rip Healthcare From 750,000 *from the morgue, 23 Sep 2026*

· Many Americans are relying on multiple forms of credit to cover expenses. When is it a warning sign? *from the morgue, 23 Sep 2026*

· Trump gave 'the red meat,' Vance was playing for independents: Bob Cusack *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*

· Fox News's Baier presses Vance on Trump's $5K dividend promise *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*

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

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

· Fiscal hawks skeptical of Bessent's claim that US can 'grow our way out' of $40 trillion debt *from the morgue, 27 Aug 2026*

· Bessent blasts Warren's 'sciolistic' letter about yen policy *from the morgue, 29 Aug 2026*

· Soros-funded Philadelphia district attorney insinuates Trump is a '35-time felon,' calling $5,000 dividend a bribe *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

· Soros-funded Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner's terrible, horrible, no good, very bad Thursday *from the morgue, 31 Aug 2026*

· Voters have a blunt message for Trump about his idea to dole out $5,000 checks *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

· Why Donald Trump has a Joe Biden problem *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

· Does Trump have a 'Biden problem' on the economy? *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

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

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

· Trump plan to raise debt limit on shaky ground *from the morgue, 26 Aug 2026*

· 5 things to know about Trump's $5K dividend pledge *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*

· Vance strikes back at concern $5,000 Trump dividend will stoke debt: 'Wealth will go back to the people' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*

· Marshall backtracks on support for $5,000 Trump dividend in Kansas Senate debate *from the morgue, 12 Sep 2026*

· Vance and MAGA Inc. work to defend Roger Marshall in redder Kansas *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*

· Roger Marshall Sued 700 Patients for Debts; 81 Were Arrested. Now He's a Senator. *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*

· Conservatives would scream 'bloody murder' if Democratic president offered dividend to maintain power: Guy Benson *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*

· Will Trump's payout promises boost Republican appeal to white women? *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*

· Republicans need a Reagan-style vision to win the battle over America's future *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*

· Trump's promised $5,000 'dividend' checks: What to know *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*

· Trump's Reckless $5,000 'Dividend' *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*

· Republicans bet the House on Trump *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*

· Axelrod dismisses the idea of the proposed $5000 'Trump dividend' *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*

· Trump pledges $5K 'Trump dividend' if Republicans hold onto Congress *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*

· Trump says $5K dividend checks to Americans will 'happen 100 percent' *from the morgue, 14 Sep 2026*

· Lawler deflects on supporting Trump's $5K dividend pledge: 'How do you pay for it?' *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*

· GOP rep says priority 'needs to be the military,' not $5K checks *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*

· Susan Collins calls Trump's $5,000 dividend proposal with no cap 'extraordinarily costly' *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*

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

Three weeks after saying there was "zero chance" he would remove his chief of staff, Trump gave the job to the aide who pledged "total devotion."

By CHIP
STAFF WRITER



"Meet Stephen Miller, Trump's new chief of staff: 5 things to know", 7 November 2026
(PHOTO VIA THE HILL — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

❦ THE FORECAST ❦

Senate Democrats, all but one, wrote the Secretary of Defense in September asking for a breakdown of what the Iran war has cost. The Pentagon's own figure went from just over $42 billion on 13 August to $47.1 billion by the start of November, with no line items.

The Pentagon may raise the figure again and send no list at all. Both chambers may vote to end the war, the president may veto it, the override may fail, and the strikes and the spending may run on for years under a war permission Congress passed in 2001.

THE LAW. Congress, 13 March to 2 May 2019: both chambers voted to end support for the war in Yemen, the president vetoed it on 16 April, the override failed 53 to 45, and the support continued 21 more months.

Happened once. Ask Yemen.

EARL

More of Earl's calls, and the score, on E7

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

Let me do the frame first, because the frame is where people lose the thread.

The President lost both chambers of Congress on Tuesday, in what CBS News called "a dismal midterm performance for Republicans," and by Friday he had read the result and acted on it. That is responsiveness. The voters asked for change. On Friday the President told 60 Minutes to expect changes to his team, and he named the change on Truth Social the same day. You can accuse this White House of a great many things. Slowness is not available to you....

...(cont) Susie Wiles is out. She was the first woman to hold the job, and the history books keep that whatever else they keep. Stephen Miller is in. He has been with the President, in The Hill's words, "since he launched his first campaign," which in this town is the credential that has ever meant anything, and he opened by telling the Guardian he brings "total devotion" to the President. Sit with the phrase total devotion a moment. I have been in rooms where a man said less and got a subpoena.

Now, you are going to raise October, so let us get October over with. On the 15th the President called reports of trouble "TOTAL FAKE." On the 16th he put the odds of her leaving at "zero chance" and said she was "going to be here for a long time." Zero chance, in this setting, is a term of art. It expresses confidence in the moment. It does not carry a date. It does not — it carried a date. The date was October 16. Three weeks. You people like to count.

People on our own side have put the word megalomaniac in print about the incoming chief of staff, and somebody reached for terrifying. Neither word is in the job description, and neither one triggers a Senate vote, because the job doesn't take one. No hearing, no confirmation, no roll call. The chambers the voters just flipped have exactly the say in who runs this building that they had on Thursday.

On the war, the record is clean. The Pentagon has fully accounted for the Iran war. I have the accounting right here. In July the Congressional Budget Office priced it at nearly forty billion dollars and called its own number conservative. On August 13 the Pentagon gave Congress just over forty-two billion. In September every Senate Democrat but one signed a letter to the Secretary of Defense asking for a cost breakdown. And last week the Pentagon's figure stood at forty-seven point one billion dollars — five billion more in under three months, with no line items. So the request was answered. A request for an itemization does not itself oblige an itemiz— no. Let me take that again. They asked what the war cost. We sent a bigger number and no list.

The promise that the war ends soon turned forty days old on Saturday, with no details added to it. Seventy-one percent in a Fox News poll think this administration lacks a plan to end it. We don't govern by poll. It was Fox.

And the pump is a global market, which is exactly why I am not going to stand up here and connect — gas slid toward four dollars a gallon on Friday and came back up the same day Iran claimed new attacks on ships. In August, for the first time, AAA logged gas above four dollars every day of the month, averaging four-oh-eight, ninety cents over the year before. Social Security goes up about seventy-five dollars a month in January. That is the figure I would lead with, if the arithmetic ran the other way.

So: the voters instructed, the President promoted, the war costs five billion more than it did in August, and the devotion is total. I stand behind all of it. I would like the record to show which parts I said.

THE RECEIPTS

But: The UN torture rapporteur found ICE's planned electric shock gloves 'incompatible with the absolute prohibition of torture'; ICE plans to spend up to $20 million on them *ABC10 San Diego / UN Special Rapporteur finding, August 2026*

Meet Stephen Miller, Trump's new chief of staff: 5 things to know

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *13:22 EST*

President Trump announced Friday that longtime White House aide Stephen Miller would be his next chief of staff, replacing Susie Wiles — who has served in the role since Trump returned to office. Miller is an immigration hardliner and Trump loyalist who has been with the president since he launched his first campaign. The promotion...

Iran unveils 'We will kill Trump' banner – but US president may now be tempted to resume bombing

The Guardian MAINSTREAM § *09:07 EST*

Iran celebrates its claimed role in 'regime change' amid pressure on Trump to 'finish the job' with attack US midterms live – latest updates Iran this week unveiled a huge billboard and banners over Enqelab Square in central Tehran. The billboard pledged in English: "We will kill Trump" – elevating the degree of personal animus with...

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

Trump drops major bombshell about ending the US war with Iran

New York Post RIGHT § *17:09 EST*

President Trump stated that Iran is seeking a deal to end its eight-month war with the U.S., noting an agreement "could happen." Tehran confirmed ongoing diplomatic contacts through Qatari mediators, though recent talks yielded modified proposals without a formal breakthrough. Meanwhile, as global economic impacts mount and fears grow...

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

U.S. launches task force to disrupt Iranian ground shipping routes

CBS News MAINSTREAM § *02:53 EST*

The U.S. did not say whether any military action would be involved in preventing weapons technology or sanctioned items from entering Iran.

~~Stephen Miller named White House Chief of Staff~~

After historic midterm losses, Trump installs immigration crackdown's architect as chief of staff

France 24 MAINSTREAM § *07:14 EST*

Following historic Republican losses in the midterm elections, Donald Trump has replaced his chief of staff, Susie Wiles, with her deputy Stephen Miller, the architect of his administration's immigration crackdown. Wiles had been seen by some as a stabilising force in the White House, but with Democrats now controlling both chambers of...

~~As US and Israel Plot Iran Escalation, Regional Powers Scramble to Avert It~~

US and Israel are plotting an Iran escalation. The region is scrambling to stop it.

Truthout § *11:53 EDT*

Saudi, Pakistani, and Turkish leaders met with Iranian officials in Tehran, signaling their reticence to renew the war.

But: Republicans' reconciliation package puts $70 billion into ICE's department *NBC News, May 2026*

Trump's elevation of Stephen Miller a middle finger to millions of voters

The Guardian MAINSTREAM § *08:00 EST*

Architect of Trump's far-right immigration agenda is now most powerful unelected figure in government – it suggests White House is moving to a war footing Donald Trump just gave the middle finger to millions of American voters. Any other president who suffered the kind of drubbing at the polls that Trump did this week might have felt at...

But: ICE plans to spend up to $20 million on electric shock gloves a UN torture rapporteur found incompatible with the absolute prohibition of torture *ABC10 San Diego / UN Special Rapporteur finding, August 2026*

For Stephen Miller, Election Defeat Is No Reason to Back Down on Immigration Crackdown

The New York Times MAINSTREAM § *13:29 EST*

The president's new chief of staff has already demonstrated his intention to forge ahead with an agenda that many voters rejected.

CENTCOM announces task force to blockade Iranian ground transit routes

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *14:16 EST*

U.S. Central Command announced on Saturday a new task force designed to blockade Iranian ground transit routes used to transport illegal shipments. Task Force Iron Gate will work with U.S.

But: Republicans' reconciliation package puts $70 billion into ICE's department *NBC News, May 2026*

Stephen Miller, Trump's incoming chief of staff, pledges 'total devotion' to the president

The Guardian MAINSTREAM § *10:15 EST*

Hardline aide offers 'unwavering commitment' to president amid fears White House will double down on far-right immigration agenda Stephen Miller, Donald Trump 's most controversial aide and the architect of his sweeping immigration crackdown, has lavished praise on the president after his appointment as White House chief of staff. In his...

~~'It's Miller time' but who is Trump's new chief of staff?~~

The architect of Trump's toughest immigration policies now runs the White House

RTÉ MAINSTREAM § *09:13 EST*

US President Donald Trump has promoted Stephen Miller, the architect of some of his toughest policies on immigration and other domestic issues, to run his White House, but who is the he?

Iran live updates: US disables another ship trying to breach the Iran naval blockade

ABC News MAINSTREAM § *17:22 EST*

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

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

President Trump: Forget the midterms and finish the job in Iran

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *13:00 EST*

The war will only end by returning to the first objective Trump dropped from his list: the collapse of the fanatical, barbaric Tehran regime.

But: Democrats are running an average of 11.5 points ahead of their 2024 baseline across 2026 special elections *MultiState Elections, 2026 special-election tracking*

Trump replaces Susie Wiles with Stephen Miller

CBS News MAINSTREAM § *11:15 EST*

President Trump picked Stephen Miller to replace Susie Wiles as his new White House chief of staff after a dismal midterm performance for Republicans.

~~'Power of the Purse': Schumer Indicates Democrats Will Defund Trump's Illegal Iran War~~

Democrats plan to defund Trump's illegal Iran war - once they're in power, next year

Common Dreams § *16:52 EST*

Democratic Senate Leader Chuck Schumer on Wednesday indicated that his party will defund President Donald Trump's illegal war with Iran when it takes over as the majority next year. While speaking with reporters, Schumer (D-NY) was asked how Democrats planned to end the war, which Trump launched without congressional authorization in...

But: The UN torture rapporteur found direct-contact electric shock gloves "incompatible with the absolute prohibition of torture" - ICE plans to spend up to $20 million on them *ABC10 San Diego / UN Special Rapporteur finding, August 2026*

In Elevating Stephen Miller, Trump Doubles Down on Hard-Line Agenda

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- Iranian dissident reacts to Trump's promise to either annihilate Iran or make a post-election deal *from the morgue, 23 Sep 2026*
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Supreme Court spent twelve days barring student IDs while warning of voter confusion too close to an election, and answered the president's own midterm request in hours.

By LOU
ONE MORE QUESTION



"Why a Merciless Supreme Court Rebuke on Election Eve Matters", 5 November 2026
(PHOTO VIA THE NEW YORK TIMES — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

❦ THE FORECAST ❦

On September 25th the Supreme Court split six to three and let the Department of Homeland Security screen state voter rolls through a database built to check benefit eligibility, while the case is on appeal. On October 22nd the same court let New Hampshire refuse student IDs at the polls.

Homeland Security may run every name on every state roll through that benefits database and hand the no-match lists to state election officials, who may cancel those registrations once the ninety-day window before an election has passed. The Justice Department may open cases on names the database could not confirm, and prosecutors may charge voters whose records never matched.

THE LAW. Texas, 1 March 2022: 12.4 percent of mail ballots rejected under a new ID-number rule, against 0.8 percent in the 2020 general.

Happened once. Ask Texas.

Earl

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More of Earl's calls, and the score, on E7

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

My wife said leave the clock alone and come to bed, so I came to bed, and then at two in the morning I was out on the porch with the notebook and the dog, who has opinions about that.

I had written down two dates and one figure. Let me find the figure. It's in here somewhere. Hold on. Okay....

...(cont) September twenty-fifth: six to three, the Supreme Court lifted a lower court's order that had kept the Department of Homeland Security from using and expanding a database called SAVE — the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements — to screen state voter rolls while the case runs on appeal. The database was built to check whether noncitizens qualified for government benefits. Common Dreams reports it is known for flagging naturalized citizens, and that eligible voters may have their registrations wrongfully canceled weeks before the midterms. Fox's write-up of the same order says states may use the program, for now, in their efforts to verify the eligibility of voters on their rolls.

Verify. I underlined that, and then I underlined the figure sitting under it: the database cannot confirm four in ten of the names it matches belong to registered voters.

I keep a ring of ten keys in the glovebox. Six of them I can place — the house, the back door we rehung, the padlock on the garage, the toolbox, the chain on the side gate, my brother-in-law's shed. Four I cannot place at all. That is not modesty; I don't know what they open, and I've carried some of them eleven years. Now suppose a fellow comes up the driveway and tells me he has been through that ring and can tell me which houses on my street have the wrong people living behind the doors. Before I let him start, I'd want to ask him the question the paper already answers: out of ten names the screen matches, how many does it say it cannot confirm belong to registered voters?

Because on November first, two days before the polls closed, James Percival, general counsel at the Department of Homeland Security, vowed to find, charge and deport any noncitizen caught casting an illegal ballot in the midterms. That vow sits right on top of the four.

So I went looking for a second number, and I found Springfield. September fifth, at a roundtable in Cincinnati, Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin announced that Immigration and Customs Enforcement had arrested 380 Haitian citizens in Springfield. One count, with the cameras there for it. How many counts has Washington published since? It isn't a trick question. Ask it and the answer is on the page: Washington has not issued a second number.

Then the other date, the one that actually got me up. October twenty-second, the Court let New Hampshire refuse student IDs at the polls, reversing a federal judge's order. Fox's write-up says the warning was of voter confusion too close to an election. The Washington Examiner's lead calls the thing New Hampshire wanted lifted a last-minute block, and the state's petition was an emergency one, filed by Secretary of State David Scanlan. Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson wrote a short dissent saying she would have left the lower court's decision in place.

Twelve days on the student card. Hours on the president's own midterm request. Those are their two numbers, not mine; I only copied them onto the same page, one under the other, which is how I ended up on the porch.

Excuse me — I see the coat's on, I'll be quick. One thing. Twelve days of thinking about a university card, and the stated worry was confusion too close to an election. Of the two applications in front of that same bench, which one came back in hours? Don't answer me, it's printed. Ask your clock.

THE RECEIPTS

~~Why a Merciless Supreme Court Rebuke on Election Eve Matters~~

Supreme Court took hours to reject Trump's bid to meddle in the election

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The justices took just hours to reject Trump's bid to meddle in the election.

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By THE WRECKING CREW
THE FACT FILE STAFF

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Pentagon-funded satellite program capped Ukraine's air defense at 100 miles an hour, and Ukraine said on 14 October that the limits came from Washington. The order was admitted on the day it was lifted, and the program's sole contractor has not been audited, ultimately, the president.

The program was built to run on all-or-nothing math that speed. The Senate may have spent the summer in a recess-and-recall pas de deux, the Pentagon may keep pushing for a clean continuing resolution, and the House may have voted to adjourn for the year, but the satellite-tasking program that Ukraine's air defenses depend on has run on a single, unbroken line since 2014. Its sole contractor has not been audited, ultimately, the president.

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SATELLITE-TASKING LIMITS

The assignment this week was not to find the scandal. The scandal filed itself. The job was to look at what was sitting beside it on the bench.

Tuesday evening, Ukraine's military lost access to Starlink terminals, and the Ukrainian Defense Ministry's operations struck ten minutes trawling at high speeds. By Wednesday the front-line terminals had been restored to 100 kilometers per hour, and Ukrainian officials said the limits came from Washington. The order was admitted on the day it was lifted. A speed cap is a number typed into a field by somebody who is not in the room.

> ……[cut] That same Wednesday, Musk said decisions to restrict Starlink's use in Ukraine were made to keep it out of the hands of Russia, which has been using it to target Ukrainian drones. Then the order was admitted on the day it was lifted the same day.

The Mar-a-Lago Accord was signed on a Thursday, the Tuesday 20 October the Morning Star reported seven killed in a strike on a market in Kherson, and the Senate was in recess. Musk and Zelensky saying Ukraine had nearly run out of Patriot interceptors while the Pentagon's own inventory of those missiles countries had purchased for Ukraine. On Monday the twenty-first, Starlink's terms of service were updated to add a clause to sign off on missiles for Patriots and NASAMS." On Friday the thirtieth, the Senate Armed Services Committee held a markup of 340 Senior interceptors, funded entirely by U.S. partners in the region.

Now the question.

Part one, the invoice. The New York Times called Starlink a "lifeline" for Ukraine's military, with the contract on the table and the speed setting printed as an exhibit.

Part two, the receipt. Musk said he drew past. Friday showed the route allies pay, the State Department approves, the bank-to-bank transfer, and the Pentagon's Defense Security Cooperation Agency. Ukraine's Defense Ministry, the Common Defense reported critics questioning the wisdom of depending on a single private company for so much of the war effort. The argument. One account, one code, one veto.

That is the build. Whether it is the right one is a question. The next cap arrives the way the last one did, without warning, in the middle of a sentence with a contract number on it.

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Two votes at the Federal Communications Commission ended the decades-old limit on cable broadcast ownership. $26 billion goes to the next merger a month later.

By STERLING
THE CONTRARIAN

"You complain $2B acquisition of streaming giant Roku" a November 20th headline from THE CONTRARIAN

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The Federal Communications Commission voted 2 to 1 to repeal the decades-old rule limiting mergers among television broadcasters, clearing the way for a consolidation wave Congress's politicians in October calling the measure to law. Paramount had finished buying Warner Bros Discovery on Monday.

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Fox completes $22B acquisition of streaming giant Roku

New York Post PAYWALL 11:00 ET

Fox Corp said Friday that it completed its $22 billion acquisition of streaming platform Roku, giving the media giant a new foothold in the advertising business, as well as given the online reach of its sports and news programming.

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"US offers €17m for details on Iran's nuclear programme", 7 November 2026
(PHOTO VIA RTÉ — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

❦ THE FORECAST ❦

On Saturday, November 7, the State Department's Rewards for Justice program offered up to $20 million and possible relocation for information about Iran's nuclear program, including its "nuclear scientists and staff" and "associated organizations and personnel." Central Command announced it on X. Tips come in by Signal or Tor.

The State Department may put those same associated organizations and their personnel on the foreign terrorist list. Once they are listed, anyone in this country who sends them money or help may be arrested and prosecuted, banks may freeze their accounts, and their staff and relatives may be refused entry to the United States.

THE LAW. 8 U.S.C. §1189(a)(1).

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More of Earl's calls, and the score, on E7

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

The posting went up on X on Saturday, November 7, over Central Command's name, and it reads like a classified ad for hardware. Up to $20 million, "and possible relocation," from Rewards for Justice, a State Department program established in 1984, for information about Iran's nuclear program.

All together now — down the list of what the government is shopping for: "nuclear scientists and staff," then "nuclear program-related technologies and capabilities," then "associated organizations and personnel." Tips by Signal or Tor. The $20 million is a ceiling, the way a sale price is a ceiling....

...(cont) Hold the posting next to the complaint it answers. On September 10 the United Nations' nuclear watchdog reported Iran to the Security Council, the first such referral in twenty years, over Iran's failure to cooperate with investigators examining uranium traces found at undeclared sites. Iran called the program peaceful. The watchdog's complaint was narrower than the traces themselves: Tehran would not explain them. Two months later the United States put a retail price on that explanation, payable to a stranger with an encrypted messaging app.

The other track moves slower and costs less. A letter went from Vice President JD Vance to Mohsen Rezaei, secretary of Iran's supreme national security council, sent that Sunday after mediation led mainly by Qatar, offering to restart diplomacy and requiring Tehran to make commitments on its nuclear program at the start of a process. The Guardian reported it on Thursday, October 29, called it a possible last chance to avert fresh conflict between the two countries, and put the hopes on Iran's answer arriving soon after Tuesday's midterm elections.

Saturday carried one more voice: a senior United Arab Emirates official, cautiously optimistic about the talks through Qatari mediation, declining to rule out war. By Sunday the Navy had widened its blockade to include a task force on disrupting ground transport, and the United States did not say whether any military action would be involved in keeping weapons technology or sanctioned items out of Iran.

Follow the ball one more time, because the same government has another number out this autumn. Republican senators panned it. National Review called the dividend reckless. Guy Benson, on Fox News, called it a "disastrous idea." Philadelphia's district attorney, the Washington Examiner reported, called it a bribe. On September 15 Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told the House Financial Services Committee that the department was examining whether the checks could go out without authorization from Congress.

That same month the administration announced — on a Tuesday, carried by Common Dreams on Wednesday, September 23 — that it was removing at least 750,000 people from their Affordable Care Act coverage because they were "fraudulently" enrolled. Cynthia Cox of KFF said some brokers "have enrolled people without their knowledge or switched their plans so the broker could get a commission on the sale." The New York Times reported that Wednesday that the law's health care and food assistance cuts were taking a toll before the election. CBS News, in the same day's wire, was explaining to readers when several kinds of credit at once stop being a strategy.

The ledger for the week, then. A name on Iran's payroll: up to $20 million, posted Saturday, relocation included, tip line open. Relief for an American adult: $5,000, conditional on an election result, and the Treasury is still examining the plumbing. Coverage for 750,000 people: removed on an announcement. One of those three moved this week.

THE RECEIPTS

US offers €17m for details on Iran's nuclear programme
RTÉ MAINSTREAM § *21:18 EST*

The United States is offering a $20 million reward "and possible relocation" for information about Iran's nuclear programme, the US military said.

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

Top Gulf official offers glimmer of hope on Trump-Iran nuclear talks as threat of war hangs over region
Fox News RIGHT § *04:00 EST*

A senior United Arab Emirates official says he is cautiously optimistic about U.S.-Iran nuclear talks through Qatari mediation but won't rule out war.

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

U.S. launches task force to disrupt Iranian ground shipping routes
CBS News MAINSTREAM § *02:53 EST*

The U.S. did not say whether any military action would be involved in preventing weapons technology or sanctioned items from entering Iran.

State Dept. offers $20 million reward for information about Iran's nuke program
New York Post RIGHT § *00:16 EST*

Specifically, the US is seeking information about Iranian "nuclear scientists and staff," "nuclear program-related technologies and capabilities" and "associated organizations and personnel,"

US offers $20 million reward for info on 'Iran's nuclear program'
Le Monde MAINSTREAM § *23:42 EST*

Rewards for Justice, a State Department program established in 1984 to pay for information that protects Americans, 'is offering a reward of up to $20 million and possible relocation for information about Iran's nuclear program,' US Central Command said in a post on X.

US offers $20 million reward for information on Iran's nuclear program
Fox News RIGHT § *21:03 EST*

The State Department's Rewards for Justice program is offering up to $20 million for tips on Iran's nuclear program via Signal or Tor tip lines.

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Florida State will pay Mike Norvell $50.3 million to leave. Then it signs a deal for the 63-3 Orange Bowl loss CBS Sports says broke the program.

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Put me on the political desk. A board of trustees found $50.3 mil lion in a weekend to pay a man who went 3-9 recently and the Washington Examiner spent November 2nd complaining to print ers about the font size. Florida State's president is a former astro naut. That same day the university hosted a fundraiser in the Rose Bowl. The other end a monthly power bill is Arizona reaching $400, the highest it had been in June, in the middle of a summer heat wave. The utilities and the data center industry say there is no money. The Florida state board of education is broke.

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This reporter has covered the business of college football for the better part of two decades. Over that time, he has rarely seen the invoice printed so plainly. On Sunday, November 1st, Florida State fired Mike Norvell as its football coach. Norvell had led the Seminoles to a 3-9 record in the Sunday Second Kickoff slot, transformed in a turn on the sec ond-year coach's contract into a $50.3 million buyout.

Florida State had been on a bye week, meaning Florida State fired him re gardless. Fox News reported that the fan revolt and the Clemson loss were the reasons for the firing. Norvell's 3-9 record was the worst in the program's history since 1976, when Bobby Bowden's team went 5-6 and stood up the same day.

On Monday, the AD, CBS Sports went back for the autopsy and lo cated the wound: the 2023 Orange Bowl, a committee snub, and a 56-to-3 dismantling, despite the program's 11-2 record.

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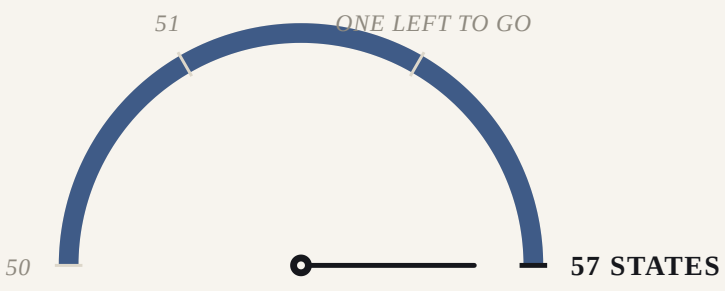
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On covfefe

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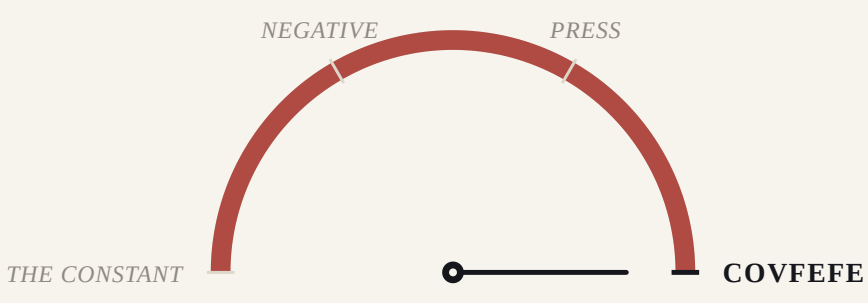
The shelf has two sides. 57 states (n., 2008): the size of the United States, per a Democratic candidate in Beaverton, Oregon, on May 9, 2008: "I've now been in 57 states. I think one left to go. Alaska and Hawaii, I was not allowed to go to even though I really wanted to visit, but my staff would not justify it" [1]. Audited as spoken, that is 60. PolitiFact notes he sounded tired [1]. In September 2018 the author of covfefe filed a complaint on the entry: "Can you imagine if I said that" [2]. He could imagine. He had notes.

The Democrats also filed on covfefe. Twelve days after the tweet, Rep. Mike Quigley of Illinois introduced the Communications Over Various Feeds Electronically for Engagement Act, the COVFEFE Act, to make presidential social media a presidential record [3]. So a typo reached a congressional bill as a backronym. No press secretary said a small group knows which seven states. The typo is bipartisan. Standing at a podium behind it is not.

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COVFEFE

covfefe (n., 2017): the sixth word of a sentence about the press, and the last. Etymology disputed. First attested at 12:06 a.m. on May 31, 2017: "Despite the constant negative press covfefe." Deleted about six hours later. FactCheck.org's entry: likely "coverage," mistyped, sent unfinished. The author's own entry, posted afterward: "Who can figure out the true meaning of 'covfefe' ???" [1].

The press secretary was asked that day whether anyone should be concerned. He said no, and supplied the citation: "The president and a small group of people know exactly what he meant" [2]. The group was not named. Six days later the same podium ruled on the genre: "they are considered official statements by the president of the United States" [3]. The ruling carved out no exception for the unfinished. Seven months on, the same account issued another: "I too have a Nuclear Button, but it is a much bigger & more powerful one than his" [4]. The definition stays with the small group. The button stays with the man.

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“I keep a dictionary by the phone, the big one, my wife's mother left it to us. It goes from "covey" to "cow." There's no page for it. So I went to the press secretary, and he says the president and a small group of people know exactly what he meant. Well, fine. That's a source. Sorry, one thing before you go. That was more than nine years ago, and I'm sure they're busy people. Has anybody called them?” — Lou

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“Covfefe. Everybody remembers the word. Nobody remembers the second part. Six hours it sat up there, and when the reporters asked why, a normal outfit says typo, go home. This outfit says "the president and a small group of people know exactly what he meant." A small group. Who's in it? Do they meet? Then six days later they tell you every one of these is an official statement of the president. You know what that makes covfefe? Policy. And seven months on, the same account is telling North Korea about his button. They call that communications. I call it a chain of command.”

— Sal

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“Covfefe was a complete thought, privately understood by the relevant stakeholders, and the fact that it has gone unexplained for nine years only shows how well the small group has kept the president's confidence.”

— Chip

The Word today — 👍 👎