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Trump calls deportation 'too tough,' answers with tougher tariffs three days later.



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BY RUTH
The Money Desk

On Sunday, the president told Republicans the quiet part out loud: his own deportation policy had gotten too tough, it was costing the party votes in the midterms, and he wanted a bipartisan deal that would grant legal status to the migrants he called "good" illegal immigrants. That is not a leak or an aide's gloss. It is the president auditing his own enforcement program and finding it ran over budget.

The reconciliation here is simple, hon. Compare the Sunday ledger to the Thursday one, three days later. Three days is not a long accounting period. It is not enough time to draft a bill, assign it a number, or set a due date for anyone in Congress to vote on anything — and no receipt in this file shows one. What three days was enough time for was a caravan: by Thursday, somewhere between fifteen hundred and two thousand people, families with strollers among them, had walked out of the Mexican city of Tapachula heading north. The president connected that caravan to the same midterm losses he had cited three days earlier. This time the fix wasn't legal status. It was tariffs — he threatened to double them on Mexico if the caravan isn't stopped before the border.

Border czar Tom Homan filled in the other half of the ledger the same day: prosecution and deportation for anyone in the group who crosses illegally. ...

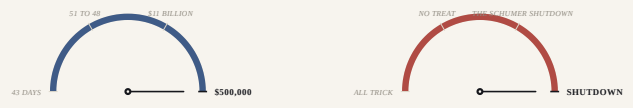
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THE WORD

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On the shutdown

DEMOCRAT — REPUBLICAN



$500,000 — *SHUTDOWN*

"My brother-in-law closed his hardware store for six weeks once to make a point to the landlord. I forget the point. I remember the invoice. So I wrote this one out. Forty-three days. Eleven billion at six weeks, the budget office said, the part that doesn't come back. A subsidy vote, fifty-one to forty-eight, no. An October unemployment rate, never collected. A right for senators to sue for up to five hundred thousand dollars, added, then repealed. Sorry, one thing before you go. Of those four lines, which one was written by the people holding the pen?" — Lou

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THE FOURTH RECORD

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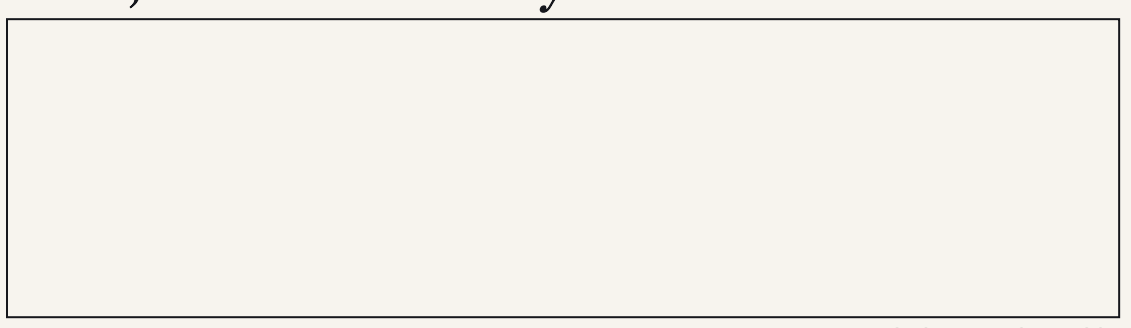


PHOTO: NEW YORK POST

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❦ THE FORECAST ❦

On Thursday the White House made Stephen Miller its chief of staff. In August 2025 he told Fox News the Democratic Party "is not a political party. It is a domestic extremist organization."

The attorney general may put the Democratic Party on a domestic-terrorist list and send it to the desk Miller now runs. Federal agents may investigate the party's organizers as terrorists for "anti-capitalism" or "extremism on migration, race, and gender," the memo's own words, and the IRS may hand the nonprofits that pay them to prosecutors. If a state's police will not make the arrests, the president may send the Army to make them.

THE LAW. NSPM-7, Secs. 1, 2(j) and 3, 25 September 2025; 10 U.S.C. §252. No statute makes the list legal; the experts said so the week it was signed. Read it: NSPM-7, Sections 1 to 3 · 10 U.S.C. §252, the Insurrection Act: the armed forces "to enforce those laws", the president the judge of when.

What's next, the Army serving the warrants?

EARL · OPEN · THE SCORE

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

WHO PICKS THE JUDGE

Chapter 3: Fifteen Digits

Take out your phone and ask it for directions to anywhere. The blue line that appears, the one that knows which streets connect and which dead-end at a creek, has an ancestor, and the ancestor's own family is willing to say so. "The convenience of getting directions today on smartphones and tablets can trace its roots to the digital geographic database created 25 years ago by the U.S. Census Bureau." That is the Bureau,

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"Don't let anybody tell you that people running Congress right now are looking out for the rich. Actually, I think we should do a little more for them"

— REP. GLENN GROTHMAN (R-WI), AUGUST 2026

"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

FOUND 35 unpermitted gas turbines, running in a Black neighborhood in Memphis. *Cancer risk four times normal. No reward offered.* **— Classifieds**

PERSONALS Deficit hawk, dormant eight years, seeks sudden urgency. Reappears only when someone proposes feeding children. *No tax cut too large to overlook.* **— Classifieds**

PERSONALS Governing party seeks a spine, any condition, willing to relocate to Washington. *Discretion assured. You'll need it.* **— Classifieds**

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

— Chip

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

ENOCH · THE OWNERSHIP DESK

THE FOURTH RECORD

Mortgage rates set a third record in five weeks; home sales hit a 16-year low.

By **RUTH**
THE MONEY DESK

“Home sales plunge to 16-year low as mortgage rates stay high: ‘Just a tough market’”, 12 November 2026 (PHOTO VIA NEW YORK POST — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ **THE SHORT VERSION**
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. Mortgage rates set record highs for months, and home sales fell to a sixteen-year low this week.

WHO GETS PAID. The receipts name no buyer yet.

WHAT SLIPS. No hearing or vote answered any of the rate records while they were happening; the ballot box was the only check, and it did not open until the midterms.

WHAT'S NEXT. Freddie Mac publishes its next weekly rate reading next Thursday; no hearing or vote on the four-month run is scheduled.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

On September 3rd, Freddie Mac's benchmark 30-year fixed mortgage rate hit 6.71 percent, the highest mark in more than a year, the Hill reported, a climb it said was "portending lower purchasing power for prospective homebuyers."

Five weeks later, on October 5th, Mortgage News Daily's daily tracker put the same 30-year rate at 7.53 percent. The Washington Examiner filed that one as the highest level since 2023, next to a line noting investors growing "increasingly concerned about the federal government's fiscal footing."...

...(cont) Two mornings running, October 6th and October 7th, the Hill filed the next one: the 30-year rate's highest mark since late November 2023, back to 7.28 percent on Freddie Mac's own weekly count.

This week, the New York Post filed the fourth entry in that column: home sales at their lowest point since the late-2000s crash, sixteen years back. "Just a tough market," the report called it. The filing tallies what three record rate readings, stacked across five weeks, did to the number of buyers who could sign.

The gap worth measuring here, hon, sits between those three dated rate filings and the number of answers entered against them: zero. September's record held five weeks before October beat it. Both times the Hill ran its sentence about the midterms and named the GOP. The midterms came. The GOP lost Congress on affordability. The answer count for the run stayed at zero straight through the loss.

Sixteen years is a long stretch for a sales count to sit that low. Five weeks is a short stretch for a mortgage rate to set three records. Both numbers sit in the same drawer, filed under the same four months, under the same signature that never answered any of the three.

“Three record mortgage rates in five weeks, and the only deadline anybody in charge hit was the midterm one. The house didn't get cheaper and the rate didn't come down — the only thing that moved was the count of people who could still sign for either one. That's the whole scam: they let the clock run on your mortgage and call it a market.”
— Sal

“Rates are a Federal Reserve matter, not a congressional one, full stop — though I notice the Hill keeps filing that sentence about "the GOP" right next to the rate number, which, no, that's just how wire copy works, datelines, you know. It's a tough market, the Post said so itself, "just a tough market," so really this is nobody's — did I say nobody's? I meant it's complicated.”
— Chip

THE RECEIPTS

But: The median first-time homebuyer is now a record 40 years old, with first-time buyers at a record-low 21% of the market
National Association of Realtors, 2025 Profile

Home sales plunge to 16-year low as mortgage rates stay high: ‘Just a tough market’
New York Post RIGHT § *11:10 EST*

Sales are at their lowest since the late-2000s housing crash.

- How rising mortgage rates are hitting the housing market hard — at a terrible time for GOP *from the morgue, 7 Oct 2026*
- How rising mortgage rates are hitting the housing market hard *from the morgue, 6 Oct 2026*
- Spike in mortgage rates compounds inflation and debt woes *from the morgue, 5 Oct 2026*
- Benchmark mortgage rate hits highest mark in more than a year *from the morgue, 3 Sep 2026*

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By LOU
ONE MORE QUESTION



"FDA warns of rare 'eye stroke' risk from GLP-1 drugs", 9 November 2026 (PHOTO VIA THE HILL — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. The FDA ordered drugmakers to add a blindness warning to GLP-1 drugs made at factories it had flagged for contamination.

WHO GETS PAID. The GLP-1 drugmakers keep selling the drugs under the new warning label.

WHAT SLIPS. The gap between the contamination finding and the warning meant patients kept taking the drug for weeks without being told about the eye risk.

WHAT'S NEXT. There is no hearing or deadline in the record yet; the new warning label is the only action on the books so far.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

Walk me through it. Just — start at the beginning and walk me through it, the day the inspectors went into those factories, because there's a word in my notes from that day I want to come back to exactly once, right at the end, and the word is mold.

I wrote this down. Just a second — here it is. October 15th. FDA inspectors, two factories, both in China, both making components that go into the GLP-1 drugs — the weight-loss shots, the diabetes shots. "Gross contamination," the report says. Bugs. Two factories, not one. I checked that twice, because I didn't want to be the guy who exaggerates it down to one and gets caught....

...(cont) There's a second date in the same notebook. November 9th. Same autumn, different page. The FDA required the drugmakers — required, not asked — to put a new warning on those same drugs. Not about bugs this time. About the eyes. A condition with a longer name than I can say without the page open, something about the optic nerve, and both wire services that Monday reached for the same plain phrase for what it can do: sudden blindness.

Substantial number. Out of millions who were already swallowing it, for the diabetes or for the weight, before November 9th ever arrived. I don't have a count of how many of those millions started before the warning existed. I only have the order the two dates come in — the drug first, the warning after.

Twenty-five days. I did that math twice, out in the garage, with a flashlight in one hand and a calendar app in the other, because I didn't trust myself with just one. October 15th to November 9th is twenty-five days. Three weeks and four more. Not a month — I almost wrote "a month" the first time, and that's not what it says, so I crossed it out.

While I had the flashlight, I looked at the fan belt on the car, the one that's been fraying since August. I noticed it the same afternoon I noticed it. I didn't wait twenty-five days to tell my wife not to take it to the store that week. I don't know if a factory floor runs on the same clock as a car hood. I'm only telling you how fast the noticing went, in my garage, with my belt.

One more page. Both stories from November 9th — two different outlets, same Monday — use the word "rare" for the eye condition. I couldn't find it stamped there. What I found is the reporting using the word to describe the condition — their word, telling us what the notice does, not the notice's own word, quoted. So I'm crossing out where I had it the other way. I should've been more careful with that the first time through.

Excuse me — one more thing, before you go. Twenty-five days sits between those two dates. The first one was about bugs in the factory. The second one was about blindness in the patient. Same drugs, both ends. When you picture that gap — the twenty-five days — where does your picture start? At the warning, on November 9th? Or three weeks earlier than that, back at the mold?

"They found bugs and mold in the factories making these pills in October, and it took until November to tell anybody the pills might blind them — same drugs, three weeks apart. Millions of people are already swallowing this stuff for diabetes and weight loss, and the warning landed after the prescription, not before. That's not a glitch in the paperwork, that's the paperwork working exactly as slow as it's built to."
— Sal

"Look, three weeks is practically overnight for a federal agency, you should be thanking them for moving fast. And the factory inspection and the eye warning are two completely separate timelines, totally unrelated findings — wait, did I just connect them by saying that in the same sentence? Forget I said that."
— Chip

THE RECEIPTS

FDA warns of rare 'eye stroke' risk from GLP-1 drugs
The Hill MAINSTREAM § *16:33 EST*
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Monday required pharmaceutical companies to warn patients and healthcare providers of a potential increased risk of a serious eye condition associated with the use of GLP-1 drugs for weight loss and diabetes. Non-arteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy (NAION), often referred to as an "eye...

The risk of blindness from GLP-1 drugs is too serious to ignore
The Hill MAINSTREAM § *10:30 EST*
When a medication is prescribed to millions of people, even an uncommon complication can affect a substantial number of individuals.

FDA orders new warning on GLP-1s over rare eye condition linked to sudden blindness
NBC News MAINSTREAM § *13:14 EST*
GLP-1 drugs may increase the risk of NAION, a rare optic nerve condition that can lead to sudden vision loss. It has no known treatment.

· FDA inspectors found bugs, mold at two Chinese factories that make GLP-1 weight-loss drugs: report *from the morgue, 15 Oct 2026*

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By LOU
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"Jared Kushner, Steve Witkoff arrive at Kremlin for Putin talks", 12 November 2026 (PHOTO VIA NEW YORK POST — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
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WHAT HAPPENED. Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff met Vladimir Putin at the Kremlin Nov. 12, their tenth meeting since the war began.

WHO GETS PAID. The receipts name no buyer yet.

WHAT SLIPS. Nothing slips here yet.

WHAT'S NEXT. The two envoys are scheduled to fly on from Moscow to Ireland next to brief President Zelenskyy; nothing further is on the calendar yet.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

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I've got a car in the garage that needs a fan belt. I've taken it in four times this year, and four times I've driven it home with the same belt still on it, because something else came up first—the brakes, the battery, whatever it was that week. I'm not telling you that's the same thing. I'm asking you: is it?

Because back in September—the fourth, the fifth, somewhere in there—the same two men made almost this same trip. The president confirmed it himself on a Friday: Kushner and Witkoff, the Kremlin first, Kyiv after. And the day they landed in Moscow, Mr. Putin ordered a three-day pause on strikes against Kyiv. Three days. State media said so. I wrote that down too. The two men got back on the plane the very next day and flew to Kyiv themselves, to sit with Mr. Zelenskyy.

So here's a fair question. After that three-day pause ran out in September, did the fighting stop? I don't have a page that says it did. Do you?

And this week—the tenth time—does the item I'm holding say anything about a pause? I've read it three times. Abu Dhabi, the Kremlin, then Ireland. No three days. No cease-fire. Just the three cities and the two men. I checked twice because I didn't want to put a word on the page that wasn't on the wire.

The fighting itself—and I want to get this part exactly right, so let me read it back slow—has now run longer than the Soviet Union's whole war against Nazi Germany. I read that one over twice myself before I believed it. That's not the ten trips. That's just how long the thing the ten trips are about has been going on.

Oh—before you go. One more thing, and then I'll let you get back to your evening. The item I've got open says this is the tenth meeting between Mr. Witkoff and Mr. Putin, in person, over this one war. Not a phone call. Not a committee. The tenth sit-down. And in ten sit-downs, near as I can tell from my own notes, nothing has happened that only had to happen once.

"Ten trips to Moscow, zero deals, and they still call it diplomacy. That's not a strategy, that's a frequent-flyer program for a war that's already outlasted the fight that beat the Nazis. Somebody's racking up the miles; nobody's racking up the peace."
— Sal

"Ten meetings means the administration is serious about peace—serious enough to keep sending the same two guys back for round ten. And say what you want about results, Moscow paused strikes on Kyiv for three whole days back in September. Three days. Out of... yeah, okay, I hear it. That doesn't sound like me."
— Chip

THE RECEIPTS

But: Trump told CNN in May 2023 he'd settle the war within 24 hours of taking office - CNN counted 53 separate times he made that promise *CNN fact check, 25 April 2025 (all 53 instances)*
Jared Kushner, Steve Witkoff arrive at Kremlin for Putin talks
New York Post RIGHT § *11:19 EST*
The negotiations are the 10th time Witkoff has met Putin in person during a conflict that has lasted longer than the Soviet Union's fight against Nazi Germany in World War II.

But: Trump promised to meet Putin and Zelensky and settle the war within 24 hours - CNN counted 53 such promises *CNN fact check, 25 April 2025 (all 53 instances)*
U.S. envoys meet with Putin in the Kremlin after Ukraine talks in Abu Dhabi
NPR MAINSTREAM § *10:26 EST*
Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff went to the Kremlin to brief Russian President Vladimir Putin and are scheduled to fly later to Ireland for talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

But: "I'll meet with Putin. I'll meet with Zelensky... And within 24 hours, that war will be settled" - Trump, 10 May 2023, one of 53 times he made that promise *CNN fact check, 25 April 2025 (all 53 instances)*
2 top Trump advisers are in Russia for talks with Putin
CBS News MAINSTREAM § *09:56 EST*
Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff, two Trump administration advisers, are in Russia for talks with President Vladimir Putin about the war in Ukraine. CBS News' Ramy Inocencio reports.

· Witkoff and Kushner to head to Kremlin for meeting with Putin before Kyiv visit *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*

· Putin orders pause in Ukraine strikes as Witkoff and Kushner arrive in Moscow *from the morgue, 5 Sep 2026*

· U.S. Envoys Witkoff and Kushner Arrive in Kyiv After Talks With Putin *from the morgue, 6 Sep 2026*

· Putin declares 3-day cease-fire in Ukraine war as Jared Kushner, Steve Witkoff land in Moscow *from the morgue, 5 Sep 2026*

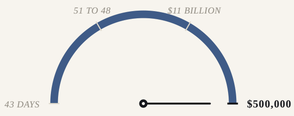
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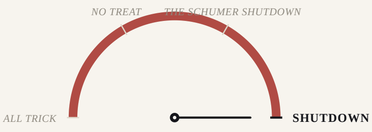
Here is what the 43 days bought. The promised vote came on December 11, 2025, and failed 51 to 48 [1]. The credits, used by more than 22 million people, expired at the end of 2025 [1]. Benchmark silver premiums rose 26 percent for 2026 and 13 percent for 2027, and paid enrollment was down 2.6 million by February [2]. The budget office put output lost at $11 billion for a six-week shutdown, in a range of $7 billion to $14 billion that "cannot be recovered" [3]. October's household survey was never collected, so that month's unemployment rate does not exist [4].

One item in the bill paid better. Added by the Senate's majority leader at members' request, it let senators sue for "up to $500,000 in damages for each violation" if their phone records were seized without notice [5]. The House voted 426 to 0 to nullify it [5], then voted again in January to strip it [6]. He signed the repeal February 3, 83 days after the clause became law [7]. Nobody had to hold out to get it in.

SOURCES

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2. Benchmark silver premiums up 26 percent from 2025 to 2026 and 13 percent for 2027; effectuated enrollment down 12 percent, 2.6 million, by February 2026 — KFF, 30 October 2026 ↑
3. CBO: $7 billion at four weeks, $11 billion at six, $14 billion at eight; that lost output "cannot be recovered" — Government Executive, 29 October 2025 ↑
4. "Household survey data were not collected for October 2025 due to the lapse in appropriations" — Bureau of Labor Statistics, 16 December 2025 ↑
5. "Up to $500,000 in damages for each violation"; added by the majority leader at the request of several members; House voted 426-0 to nullify — CNN via KTVZ, 19 November 2025 ↑
6. The House unanimously added the repeal to a $1.2 trillion funding package on 22 January 2026 — Fox News, 22 January 2026 ↑
7. Repeal of the provision signed into law on 3 February 2026 in the appropriations package — Office of Sen. Martin Heinrich ↑

REPUBLICAN



SHUTDOWN

The name was settled early. On October 29, 2025, under the headline "Democrat Shutdown Already Costing Billions in Lost Economic Growth," the chairman of the House Budget Committee called it "the Schumer shutdown" and wrote: "Democrats say they shut down the government to help Americans, but this Halloween they're all trick and no treat" [1]. The government stayed closed from October 1 through November 12 [2].

Give the word its due. The chairman cited the Congressional Budget Office, and the office's arithmetic was real: six weeks, 1.5 percentage points off the quarter's growth [1]. The party that held out did not get what it held out for. The deal came from a small group of Senate moderates, and Democrats came away with a vote on their proposal [3]. The name stuck to one side of the aisle. Parts of it closed again in 2026, twice [4][5]. The current stopgap, passed 370 to 48, runs through December 11 [6].

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2. "The lapse in appropriations lasted from October 1 through November 12, 2025" — Bureau of Labor Statistics, 16 December 2025 ↑
3. Democrats got a vote on their proposal as part of a deal "struck by a small group of Senate moderates to reopen the federal government after a 43-day shutdown"; both plans "failed to get the 60 votes needed" — ABC via 6abc, December 2025 ↑
4. Parts of the government "ran out of money"; package passed 217 to 214 and signed 3 February 2026 — KPBS/NPR, 3 February 2026 ↑
5. Homeland Security's spending authority expired 14 February 2026; 76 days later, on 30 April, "the longest shutdown of a federal department in U.S. history" ended — CBS News, 30 April 2026 ↑
6. The House passed the stopgap 370-48; it funds the government through 11 December — Government Executive, 1 September 2026 ↑

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"Shutdown. Sounds like somebody hit a switch. Forty-three days. What came out the other end was a vote on the health subsidies, and it lost fifty-one to forty-eight, so your benchmark premium went up twenty-six percent and then thirteen more. And you know who walked out of that same bill with something? Senators. Up to five hundred grand a violation if somebody pulls their phone records. Nobody writes that line by accident. The House voted 426 to nothing to take it back, which tells you how it read in daylight, and by February it was gone. The next switch is December 11."

— Sal



"The shutdown was a success for everyone who wasn't in it, and the senators' provision was a simple privacy measure, available to any American with a Senate seat and a subpoena."

— Chip

The Word today — 👍 👎