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March 30, 2026**Dear Patriot,**

We almost can not wait for the weekend to be over and another amazing week in the Golden Age of America to get underway!

It's a bumpy ride but we are blessed to live in these times of profound change.

We also look forward to the magnificent reminder of the meaning of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

We pray you all have a reflective Holy Week.

This week, we kick off with some amazing and probably overlooked news....

- downsizing the education estate for smaller digs.
- loan payment clawback.
- the elegant Scott Bessent...Fake News did not stand a chance.
- why do we keep paying taxes?
- few are looking at the grand game of chess Trump is playing.
- our founding principles still work.
- Canada should be nicer to us.



1- A year ago, President Trump and Education Secretary McMahon seemingly joked that she was going to make her job obsolete.

Ha Ha! Really, who in the world thought we would EVER be out from the yoke of the Department of Education?

Hold on, what do we see here? They have reduced the staff in the Washington, DC headquarters so much that those left are moving to a smaller place.

THIS is what draining the Swamp looks like in real life.

[The National Pulse](#)

Trump's Education Department Downsizing Makes Its DC HQ No Longer Necessary.

QUOTE: The Department of Education is set to vacate its current headquarters in Washington, D.C., which has been largely unoccupied since President Donald J. Trump reduced the agency's workforce by half. The move to a smaller building is projected to save taxpayers \$4.8 million annually, with the relocation planned for August.

Education Secretary Linda McMahon highlighted the importance of the move, stating: "One year ago, President Trump signed one of the most consequential executive orders of his presidency—to break up the federal education bureaucracy and return education to the states."

The current Lyndon B. Johnson Building will be taken over by the Department of Energy, which will save an estimated \$350 million in maintenance costs on its current building.

Under the Trump administration, the Education Department's workforce has been reduced from approximately 4,000 employees to around 2,000, including cuts to Office for Civil Rights and the Federal Student Aid office, with duplicate roles and inefficient redundancies eliminated. Additionally, the department has made arrangements with other Cabinet-level departments to manage some of its programs, with a recent deal transferring much of the student loan portfolio to the Treasury Department.



2- Despite cutting staff in half, the Department of Education is holding borrowers accountable.

The evil left has stood on its head to find a way to let student borrowers off scot-free. The Trump Administration kept fighting for repayment of their loans. You know, that thing that happens in real life.

[The Epoch Times](#)

US Education Department Notifies Student Loan Borrowers of Repayment Plan

QUOTE: Millions of student loan borrowers who thought they wouldn't have to pay back their student loans under former President Joe Biden's loan forgiveness plan

found out March 27 they will have to start making payments on the money they borrowed.

The U.S. Department of Education began notifying 7.5 million borrowers on March 27 who enrolled in Biden's "Saving on a Valuable Education" (SAVE) plan that they must exit the plan and enter a new federal repayment plan.

"Today's guidance, which every borrower enrolled in the defunct SAVE plan will receive over the next week, puts the Biden Administration's illegal student loan bailout agenda to rest once and for all," said Under Secretary of Education Nicholas Kent. "For years, borrowers have been caught in a confusing cycle of uncertainty, but the Trump administration's policy is simple: if you take out a loan, you must pay it back."

The SAVE plan was the Biden administration's third and final attempt at handing mass student loan forgiveness. The plan was blocked repeatedly by federal, district and appellate courts.

The Trump administration moved ahead in December 2025 to dismantle the SAVE plan. The Education Department reached a settlement with Missouri and six other Republican-led states that sued to block the SAVE plan.

Estimates found the plan would have cost taxpayers more than \$342 billion over years, according to the Education Department.



3- We remain big fans of Secretary Scott Bessent. And like Trump, he is a pro at smacking down the Fake News when needed. He did this expertly last week to The Financial Times who published bald-faced and provable lies.

And, bonus points for making us all look up a new word! It's a good one!!

Meretriciousness.

[The National Pulse](#)

Trump Treasury Secretary Slams Financial Times for Fake News on Central Bank Takeover

QUOTE: U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent is emphatically denying a report by The Financial Times, which suggests he is pushing for the Treasury Department to exert a level of control over the Federal Reserve more akin to the British Treasury oversight of the Bank of England. The preservation of central bank independence from direct executive branch intervention has long been the political standard in United States, with Bessent publicly declaring that the relationship should not be changed, despite claims to the contrary from anonymous financial industry executives speaking with The Financial Times.

"By publishing this explicitly false story, [The Financial Times] has officially become tabloid trash for market participants," Secretary Bessent wrote in a post on X (formerly Twitter). "Despite my direct, on-the-record denial of ever having advocated, explored, or espoused the idea that Chancellor-Bank of England status serving as a prototype for a Treasury-Federal Reserve relationship, FT journalists manufactured a story with the headline, 'Scott Bessent praised Bank of England as a model for tighter oversight of the Federal Reserve,'" he continued.

"These pathetic journalists have clearly fabricated a story to give the impression that both I and the Trump Administration are setting "about restructuring the

relationship... at a time when President Donald Trump has launched an unprecedented assault on the world's most important central bank."

"Their mendacious assertion is based on vague statements from unnamed 'financial industry executives familiar with the matter,'" Bessent stated. "In short, FT has literally manufactured an entirely fake policy position for me and the Administration. Other than furthering a maliciously false narrative of dysfunction and divisiveness, it baffles the mind as to why they would shred their already diminished journalistic credibility."

"Over the past 10 years, I have written more than 20,000 words opining on the Federal Reserve decisions, personnel, structure, and modifications. Nowhere have I ever mentioned this ridiculous notion."

"There is much to be said about the storied Bank of England, but any recreation of its operating framework on this side of the Atlantic has never been contemplated. The shameful journalists and editors at the FT are shocking in their meretriciousness, lack of standards, and general intellectual libertinism. It is the worst tradition of Fleet Street to manufacture news rather than report on it."

"They have brought irredeemable shame to their parent organization, Nikkei Inc. with whom I had previously held excellent relations. In 2025, I laid out a comprehensive 6,000+ word review of each and every policy reform that I believe should be adopted by the Federal Reserve."



4- Stories like this may make one ponder... as we again write checks to the governments for taxes.

Hopefully, the task force led by V.P. Vance will take a whole government approach to fixing the massive fraud we have been funding for decades.

It is mind blowing how few taxes we would need to pay if all the fraud in the Federal Government was stopped. This is just one of many schemes against Americans.

[Townhall](#)

Fraud Ring Used Fake Doctors' Orders in \$61.5M Medicare Scheme

QUOTE: A Texas man was sentenced Wednesday to over 12 years in prison and 10 years of supervised release for organizing and leading a \$61.5 million health care fraud and wire fraud conspiracy in which thousands of Medicare beneficiaries who were the victims of deceptive telemarketing were sent thousands of orthotic braces, foot baths, and genetic tests they did not need.

According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, Robert "Bobby" L. Smith III, 50, of Archer City, Texas, owned and operated seven durable medical equipment supply companies based in Florida, Texas, and Maryland through which he submitted millions of dollars in false claims to Medicare for orthotic braces and foot baths that beneficiaries did not need.

Smith also owned a marketing company based in Texas that he used to conduct deceptive telemarketing campaigns that targeted Medicare beneficiaries for medical services they did not need. Working with an offshore call center located in the Philippines, Smith and his co-conspirators peddled medically unnecessary orthotic braces, foot baths, and genetic tests to Medicare beneficiaries nationwide. In audio recordings presented at trial, Smith was heard pressuring beneficiaries to accept these products even after the beneficiaries protested that they did not need or want them.

Smith obtained doctors' orders for these products by allegedly paying kickbacks and bribes to illegitimate telemedicine companies. He then sold these doctors' orders to other medical suppliers that he knew used them to submit false and fraudulent claims to Medicare.

After four days of a jury trial, Smith pleaded guilty in March 2025 to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and wire fraud and one count of health care fraud. Smith absconded and failed to appear for sentencing. He remained at large for over a month before he was apprehended by the U.S. Marshals Service.

At sentencing, the Court ordered Smith to pay \$30 million in restitution and to forfeit \$9 million as well as real estate located in Texas.

The Fraud Section leads the Criminal Division's efforts to combat health care fraud through the Health Care Fraud Strike Force Program. Since March 2007, this program, currently comprised of eight strike forces operating in federal districts across the country, has charged more than 6,200 defendants who collectively bill federal health care programs and private insurers more than \$45 billion. In addition, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, working in conjunction with the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Health and Human Services are taking steps to hold providers accountable for their involvement in health care fraud schemes.



5- Once again our favorite Canadian writer, Elizabeth Nickson, puts the wars we are fighting into a different perspective.

You can read or listen to the whole piece at the link.

[Elizabeth Nickson on Substack](#)

Note to China: Bye Felicia. The USA is King. The Boss. The Big Big Boss.

QUOTE: Capitalism is so rich, so productive, people can spend ridiculous amount of money trying to kill it and make out like bandits. Fox News has tracked half a billion dollars Singham and Evans paid out of Shanghai to 67 American radical groups. This couple, who should be deported and barred from the country, are literally taking Chinese money and directions from the MEC and the PLA using the extremely stupid and destructive ideas, to disrupt the deportation of primitive men who rape and kill American women, has to be way high up on Absurdistan's lead board. If they are exiled, when the Chinese decide to kill them, and they will, the USA won't have to step in. People have to learn consequences.

Plus, the idea of the richest, most privileged, morons among us starting a People Revolution? HAHAAHAHAHAHAHA

Trump has been working on whipping all the Arab nations into his new view of a massively rich capitalist future, where everyone benefits and terrorism is dead and buried for the past what, ten years? His team too, has been working on the infrastructure that will 10X the economy going forward.

The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor — IMEC — is being called one of the largest and most ambitious infrastructure projects in modern history. Trump called it 'one of the greatest trade routes in all of history.'

You cannot have IMEC with a bunch of insane theocrats who murder 40,000 of their own citizens in one month. Only 11% of Iranians support the regime because it is

batshit crazy. Further, Islam, as now constructed, is 1000% corrupt and inimical to the future. Any future. It must die.

And then there was this:

The Christian population in Iran today is growing at about 20% each year -- faster than in any other country in the world. This high growth is confirmed by mission research organizations such as Operation World, Elam Ministries, and Transform who all report Iran as having Christian conversion growth rates of about 20% per year.

Risking not only their own death, but that of everyone they love. Released from their grim servitude to Allah, they may be like the early Indians who hightailed it to Christianity when they realized human sacrifice wasn't part of the game.

I cannot wait to see what Trump's team has planned for Canada.

Because this is one of those times, so wretchedly few in the grand sweep of human insanity, where we will witness, God willing, an American hegemon forcing a 10X of human happiness, prosperity, longevity. Yeah ok, it's not going to be predictable or polite. But it will shame and marginalize entire sectors of parasites. And that, in itself, will be a marvellous thing.



6- As aggravating as it is that everyone does not agree with US all the time, that conflict was built into the system. We have never agreed totally about anything for

the start. But, we still overwhelmingly think our core principals are worth the effort to defend.

[RealClearPolitics](#)

Americans Believe in Our Founding Principles—But Don't Think We're Living Up to Them

QUOTE: In the coming months, Americans will be invited to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday. The U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission aims to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence by engaging "all 350 million Americans by our nation's 250th anniversary."

The 250th is quite a milestone and it occurs during a period of deep polarization with Republicans and Democrats not only disagreeing on policies but on basic facts. A cloud of angst hangs over many Americans. Not surprisingly, our national survey on America at 250 finds the country is largely split along partisan lines as to whether its best days lie ahead (46%) or if they are already behind us (46%).

In spite of this, we find Americans are remarkably united in support of the nation's founding principles – even as they worry the country is failing to live up to them. Against heavy odds, this creates an opportunity to change the political climate – particularly through an honest assessment of our nation's history.

The Founders understood that political conflict was inevitable. James Madison warned about the "mischief of faction," and George Washington cautioned against the dangers of political parties. At the same time, the Constitution's system of checks and balances deliberately divided power among competing institutions to prevent its concentration in any one place.

Observers of the Founders recognize that conflict was built into the system from the start. The same principles that Americans overwhelmingly support – separated

powers, competing institutions, and democratic participation – also produces political friction.

Americans may be frustrated with their political institutions, but not with the American project itself. Nearly eight in 10 (80%) Americans believe the nation's founding principles provide a strong foundation for solving today's challenges. Respondents across the political spectrum indicate a commitment to core democratic ideals such as freedom of speech, equality under the law, the protect of individual rights, and the rule of law.



7- Ever wonder how the military force of the United States compares to whatever it Canada has?

Check it out here.

How cute is Canada?



One of the best visuals of the US vs Canada's military strength. I had no idea just how ill-equipped we really were. We should be incredibly thankful that they are our neighbors.



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PRAY for President Trump.

PRAY for all children.

PRAY for a peaceful Holy Week.

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Regardless of who wins any election, to have confidence in the outcome, we must continue to demand **(1)** real paper ballots, **(2)** hand counted in a bipartisan transparent process, and **(3)** citizen voter ID.

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