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Dear Patriot,

No longer is America denying and trashing its rich history.

Check out the Before and After of the restoration of the Columbus Circle in Washington, D.C.

[Interior Secretary Doug Burgum on X.](#)

[If you missed the Columbus Day celebration in the White House on Friday, you can see it here.](#)

Check out these stories...

- why the Left needs to read "The Art of the Deal."
- a star is born in the Republican Party.
- we are about to wipe out the poor in America.
- FBI accomplishments this week.
- what the FBI did under Biden.
- for 100 years, this has been part of daily life in America.
- news to share on X.



1- It's curious how the Left keeps underestimating Donald Trump. You would think that after 10 years, the Left would have figured him out.

Not yet!

Victor walks through some of Trump's amazing track record. The best the Left can do is ignore his victories in an effort to hide his effectiveness.

A good example is his Greenland victory. For two years he was ridiculed for his desire to take that big island. But... now it's done. Everyone is happy. And, lo and behold, that victory is not even mentioned in the world news anymore.

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

[Victor Davis Hanson at The Daily Signal](#)

The Genius Behind Trump's Art of the Deal

QUOTE: There's been an ongoing controversy over Donald Trump for the last decade, both when he appeared on the escalator in 2015, the campaign, the first term, the wilderness years, and the first two years of his second administration.

It works out like this. He has an art of the deal style, where he is bombastic, that says wild things. He puts his opponents, his partners, whatever the situation is that he's across the table from, off balance. He demands things that are ludicrous. People are shocked, they criticize him.

And then the negotiations continue, and Donald Trump gets an edge, maybe a 53% edge over the original request. They sign a deal. Donald Trump is very careful not to insult his trading partner or his trading opponent in any deal. And then he says he might have been taken himself, and he walks away with a singular accomplishment.

And then people are troubled. They look at the result of the negotiations, and they're impressed, especially if you're Americans. But they also say the method clouds the achievement.

Let's see if that's a legitimate criticism.

When he entered office, Panama was essentially being controlled at its entry and exits in violation of the Panama Canal Treaty by Chinese-affiliated companies. And they had grandiose designs basically to take over the canal. He railed, he screamed, he threatened to go in and take it. He said the canal should go back to the United States. Pause. Negotiate. Send in Marco Rubio.

Donald Trump polarized a lot of people with his tough talk, but would you rather have somebody who was abrasive and accomplished the following, or would you want someone mellifluous like, oh, Barack Obama or Bill Clinton, and could not achieve any of these achievements which were not just good for the United States but were good for the Western alliance in general?



2- In the past week, candidate debates have afforded amazing revelations about the people running on November 3.

Frankly, all of the Demoncrats are one or all of the following: evil, incoherent, less than bright, googled-eyed, inexperienced, failed, deceitful, missing, un-American, mentally challenged, fraudsters.

How anyone can fill in a bubble next to any Demoncrat's name perplexes us.

But, shot out of the cannon on Friday, was a smart, experienced and articulate unknown Republican candidate for NY Attorney General, Saritha Komatireddy, who had a widely shared debate with the odious Tish James (D).

Saritha comes to the game with a wealth of experience, a clear message and truth.

Spend some time with her X feed and give her a follow.

[Click to view one of Saritha's ads.](#)

[NYPost](#)

Letitia James trounced by GOP opponent for attorney general Saritha Komatireddy in fiery debate

QUOTE: New York Attorney General Letitia James was ambushed by her well-prepared, locked-in GOP opponent, Saritha Komatireddy, who hammered the incumbent Dem over New York's bail laws, the rise of antisemitism and massive amounts of Empire State medicaid fraud.

While Komatireddy labeled James a "political hack" for her prosecution against President Trump, the Democrat had few answers to her opponents' attacks besides repeatedly labeling her a "Trump puppet."

"The laws are broken and Letitia James broke them. She was the largest champion for having this catch-and-release system," Komatireddy charged, blaming James endorsing New York's lax bail laws preventing judges from setting bail in many cases.

She cited an NYPD officer recently stabbed ten times in the chest by two undocumented migrants with prior criminal records for weapons and burglary.



3- The economy is moving strong in all the right directions. Only the Artificial Media still ignoring it.

[All In Podcast](#)

David Sacks: The Economy Is Stronger Than You Think

QUOTE: "There's been a tremendous amount of economic data in just the last week or two showing that the economy is much stronger than people are giving it credit for."

So first of all, Q2 GDP was revised up to 2.2% from 1.5%, so that's basically a 50% increase. Economists had expected no revision. Q1 was also revised up to 2.5% from 2.1%. And if you look at the Q3 growth, it's tracking well above that. The Atlanta Fed GDPNow is showing around 3.7% as of late last week.

And then there was also some good news on inflation, we saw that core PCE just came in at 3.0% versus 3.3% expected. So inflation is still a bit too high, but actually it is cooling and beating expectations.

And then finally, you look at manufacturing. We're seeing a huge wave of re-industrialization in this country.

A couple of the measures are the Chicago PMI and then ISM Manufacturing. The both are well into expansion territory and beating forecasts.

Just one last point, let's talk about poverty for a second, because I want to address the idea that this is just a K-shaped recovery.

So if you look at US household income, it's now at record high. The median household income is almost \$90,000, and after-tax household income is growing again in the second Trump term, it's averaged 3.1% a year. In Trump 47, it was 3.1% in Trump 45, and it was -1.2% in Biden's term as a four-year average. So we're seeing that after-tax household incomes have risen by 3.1%, and the poverty rate the US has fallen to its lowest level in history, 10.2%.

So the poverty rate, the child poverty rate, these are all at historic lows. The average household's real income after inflation, after taxes, is increasing for the first time in years.

And you've got this AI boom that the Wall Street Journal said is bigger than the railroads, the canals, and the electric grid combined, and all these things are basically fueling strong growth in the economy.

And again, I would just dispute the K-shaped narrative because the poor are benefiting and the average household are benefiting as well."



4- It is encouraging to hear from FBI Director Kash Patel each week with a list of what the agency has achieved.

[Kash on X](#)

FBI WEEKLY ROLLUP — ANOTHER WEEK OF MASSIVE RESULTS.

QUOTE: Under President Trump's leadership, this FBI continues to deliver.

= ISIS-inspired mass casualty attack at Mall of America STOPPED.

=Suspect attempting to support Houthi terrorists ARRESTED.

=Chinese government-linked surveillance suspect ARRESTED.

=\$300 MILLION in alleged illegal tech exports to China exposed.

=\$17 BILLION seized in global scam center crackdown.

= 34 missing children LOCATED in just 3 days.

= 1.8 MILLION DNA sample backlog ELIMINATED.

= Major cybercriminal networks DISRUPTED.

To the terrorists, foreign adversaries, violent criminals, and fraudsters threatening Americans: We are coming for you. This is what happens when you empower the

men and women of the FBI to do their jobs. Outstanding work by our field office and law enforcement partners nationwide. We're just getting started. -DKP



5- Isn't it an improvement to have the FBI stopping crime instead of harassing American parents protecting their children from leftist policies?

But, we will go right back to this horror if the Demoncrats gain a lick of power.

[Children's Health Defense](#)

Biden Pressured FBI to Prosecute Parents Who Opposed COVID Vaccine and M Mandates at Schools

QUOTE: The Biden administration directed the FBI to investigate parents who spoke out at school board meetings against vaccine and mask mandates during the COVID-19 pandemic for possible "domestic terrorism," according to a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) report released Monday.

The report, by the DOJ's Weaponization Working Group, focused on an October 2021 memorandum from then-U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland to the FBI director and key federal prosecutors, calling for a federal response to "harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence" against school officials.

The memo said Garland's office would use its "authority and resources" to "discourage these threats" and pursue federal charges against parents.

According to the DOJ, Garland issued the directive “despite being presented with very little evidence of actual violence or violent threats against school administrators and at school board meetings.”

The report described Garland’s actions as an attempt to “interfere with parental rights and speech.”

“To many Americans, Attorney General Garland’s memo embodied the misuse and weaponization of government power,” the DOJ stated.

According to the report, Garland sent the memo only five days after the National School Boards Association (NSBA) urged then-President Joe Biden to take action against parents, writing in a September 2021 letter: “Classification of these heinous actions could be the equivalent to a form of domestic terrorism and hate crimes.

Garland’s memo led to the establishment of a federal task force to investigate parents and resulted in the FBI opening 25 “Guardian assessments” — preliminary reviews of whether someone may pose a criminal or terrorism-related threat — against parents, the DOJ said.



6- This story reminded us of the Europeans who came to the US for soccer games. They posted photos on social media of school busses driving around. They said they had seen school buses in movies but did not really believe they actually existed.

Well, they do exist and have for 100 years.

The bright yellow school bus is an iconic American invention and a cultural touchstone.

Read the interesting history and evolution of the lowly school bus at the link.

[The Epoch Times](#)

The Wheels Have Gone Round and Round for 100 Years

QUOTE: There's a reason why a 1993 Colorado school bus with 240,000 miles on it is approaching the far corner of North Dakota, or why long-retired New York school buses are still used for public transportation in Guatemala City.

Durability.

The steel-frame school bus, an invention and institution that marks its 100th anniversary later this academic year, has left a legacy well beyond local American neighborhoods.

Blue Bird Corporation began manufacturing its transport vehicles in 1927. It played a key role in developing a major piece of Americana—the classic yellow school bus—that has shaped the daily lives of children and families for a century, according to the company website.

The Georgia-based manufacturer has built more than 620,000 school buses, with about 180,000 of them still operating today.

By the late 1930s, federal agencies recommended the color yellow in the name of safety because it was easier for other motorists to notice. States and school districts were also happy to take advantage of lower prices offered when manufacturers produced vehicles in bulk, with the same color and design.

Many bus makers followed in Blue Bird's footsteps to meet the massive American demand for school transportation. Today, there are more than 480,000 yellow buses

transporting 26 million K–12 students. It's a child's rite of passage, a symbol of hope and freedom, and an American innovation shared with the rest of the world.

Even with changing technology, Americans aren't ready to imagine a world without yellow school buses.

Several districts across the country began replacing their diesel fleets with electric vehicles. Yellow is still the color, and the traditional shape of these buses is the same despite the newer technology.

Today, Blue Bird promotes electric, natural gas, and propane-powered low-emission buses.

"Blue Bird is transforming the student transportation industry through cleaner energy solutions," its website says, noting that the company has so far produced 25,000 school buses that don't run on diesel or gasoline fuels.

Lekas said more than 80 percent of U.S. school buses in operation today are still powered by diesel.



7- Check out this valuable information to share this week with those who are still seeking the truth.

[-Dan Bongino lists more of the great work done in just two years by the Trump Team](#)

[-The Assistant Attorney General for Fraud has a list of The Top 30 Fraud Announcements. IN ONE WEEK. It is mind-blowing.](#)

[-Peter Navarro makes a map of all the new manufacturing.](#)

[-Fauxcahantas Elizabeth Warren has been harassing Secretary Scott Bessent for months with over 100 inane letters. Despite her ignorance on the economy, he always responds. His latest response to her is classic. \(Read the green writing.\)](#)



PRAY for President Trump and his team this week as they deal with many volatile situations.

PRAY for all children.

PRAY for good turn out and clean Early Voting.

PRAY for hearts and minds to be changed with truth.

SHARE truth.

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Hold Fast,

Defending The Republic

