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Dear Patriot,

What a week!

Other than that hurricane, which is completely messing up the perfect record, America had a packed week of good news.

Dig in and stay safe!



1- WHAT a setting! WHAT a speech!

With the Acropolis as the backdrop, Secretary Rubio talks of what we inherited from the Greeks...the basis of our Western civilization. We are fighting now to hang on to this concept in America.

Watch Secretary Rubio deliver the speech; it is long but well worth your time.

It is rare, in our lifetime, to witness a truly great statesman.

Marco Rubio Delivers Speech About Threats Facing 'The West' In Athens, Greece



2- The Trump Administration is stopping the methods used to deprive Americans jobs in their own country. FINALLY!

H-1B visas have been corrupted and abused.

Newsmax

US Halts Microsoft's H-1B Status Amid Probe

QUOTE: Vice President JD Vance announced Thursday that the administration is suspending Microsoft's access to the permanent labor certification program amid an ongoing investigation and called for scrutiny of nine universities over their use of foreign researchers.

Vance accused Microsoft of using foreign workers to replace American employees, saying the company laid off 6,000 U.S. workers last year while benefiting from 6,300 H-1B visas and nearly 3,000 green cards.

"In other words, if you do the math for every worker that Microsoft laid off, they replaced that worker with one and a half foreign indentured servants," Vance said.

Vance said the administration would suspend Microsoft's participation in the permanent labor certification program, known as PERM, an employer-sponsored process used for many employment-based green cards.

"They'll no longer be able to take those H-1Bs and apply for permanent resident status within the United States of America," he said.

Turning to universities, Vance said nine institutions merit investigation over their use of the J-1 exchange visitor visa program: Harvard University, Yale University, Stanford University, Brown University, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of California at Davis, the California Institute of Technology, Arizona State University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Vance said American graduate students and researchers earn about \$20,000 more than workers brought in under J-1 visas. He also cited a 61% rate of J-1 use for federally funded grants at the nine universities, compared with a national average of 38%, without explaining how those figures were calculated.

Thursday's announcement follows Vance's July 8 disclosure in Milwaukee that the Labor Department had issued dozens of subpoenas as part of an investigation into alleged H-1B visa abuses.



3- Yes, we know of many people who have already received this unexpected \$90.00 on Thursday.

AND the \$500 from over-paying into horrible ObamaCare. All of the checks came with a nice letter from President Trump.

The Epoch Times

Trump Announces One-Time \$90 Payments to 20 Million Seniors in Medicare

QUOTE: President Donald Trump announced on Oct. 2 that his administration would issue one-time \$90 payments to more than 20 million seniors enrolled in Medicare.

Trump said the payments were meant to help seniors cover Medicare premiums and would come from the Medicare Improvement Fund, which Congress has allocated \$2 billion to improve Medicare's fee-for-service program but has never been used, according to a White House fact sheet.

"We are finally using this Fund, along with my Most Favored Nations Deals, to substantially lower costs for our Seniors," the president wrote in a Truth Social post.

Eligible Medicare recipients will receive the payment in early October by direct deposit or by check sent to the mailing address they registered with Medicare, the White House stated.

"With this action, President Trump is the first President to ever use the Medicare Improvement Fund to directly lower costs for senior citizens," it stated.

The one-time payments for seniors, Trump said, also demonstrated his commitment to carry out a plan to give every American adult a \$5,000 dividend check if Republicans retain control of Congress in the November election.

The president first announced the \$5,000 payment during a Sept. 9 Republican event in Dallas, calling it the Trump dividend. He promised the payment if Americans return Republican majorities to both the House and Senate in the upcoming midterm elections on Nov. 3, which he said could be made possible by his tariff policies.



4- We are not privy to any secret information but....we just have this feeling that the US Treasury is brimming with cash. Between the billions of incoming money from tariffs and the stoppage of billions in fraud, it seems there is a lot of money floating around. Compounding that is the billions in investments in factories and plants pouring in. We can barely keep up with the ship yards, steel mills and other metal manufacturing being announced.

Instead of using that money to expand government, or to share with friends and family, President Trump is highly committed to returning it to the American taxpayer.

President Trump does not float ideas without having gamed them out. Remember Greenland? If he says he can and will give ever American adult \$5,000 after the election, if we maintain control of Congress, he is not joking around.

The "experts" will scream and push out scary repercussions. But something like it has never been done before so they can't even imagine the results of that amount money put into an already hot economy.

The Epoch Times

Trump Says Sending \$5,000 Payments Will 'Work Out Very Easily'

QUOTE: President Donald Trump said on Oct. 6 that he could "very easily" send out \$5,000 dividend payments if Republicans are able to keep both the House of Representatives and the Senate in the forthcoming midterm elections.

Trump made the proposal to send the payments during a Republican rally in Dallas last month. His administration has also sent out payments to people receiving Medicare and to consumers who he said were overcharged in Affordable Care Act health insurance exchanges.

When asked on Oct. 6 by a reporter at the White House about the dividend proposal, the president said, "It'll work out very easily."

"It's going to work out very well, just like we got \$1,776 for our military," he said, referring to \$1,776 "warrior dividend" payments that he authorized last year.

Other than earlier citing economic growth, Trump has not elaborated on how he might pay for those payments amid Democratic and some Republican criticism that they would cost too much, increasing the national deficit and causing more inflation.

The Trump administration, meanwhile, has moved to send out one-time \$90 payments to 20 million seniors receiving Medicare. He also said last week that \$500 rebate payments were sent out to nearly 1 million people across more than two dozen states who he said were overcharged under Biden administration-led healthcare exchanges.

Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick last month said in an NBC interview that the \$5,000 payments would not be derived from tax revenue or increasing the national debt, which was more than \$40 trillion as of Sept. 28.

The Trump administration, Lutnick said, could "earn the money that Donald Trump wants to pay out, not from the deficit and not from taxpayers."



Outside of Arizona this story is just barely mentioned. Almost none of the stories of the steel mills reopening, the shipyards, the aluminum plants get covered in the Artificial News. But, they are all good news and have enormous benefits to Americans.

For 20 years there has been no new source for copper in America. The Florence Copper Mine in Arizona will produce TENS OF MILLIONS of pounds of copper PER YEAR and create HUNDREDS of good-paying jobs to the community.

AZ Big Media

Florence Copper launches 1st new U.S. major copper operation in 20 years

QUOTE: Florence Copper marked an historic moment as the company officially launched commercial production at its Florence facility on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

The move is the first new U.S. major copper operation in nearly 20 years and the world's first commercial-scale in-situ copper recovery project.

For Arizona, a state built on the "Five Cs" — copper, cattle, cotton, citrus and climate — the milestone signals both a technological leap forward and a reaffirmation of copper's place in the region's economic identity.

For Stuart McDonald — president and CEO of Trekor Metals, the Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada parent company of Florence Copper — the day represents the culmination of more than a decade of work. Standing on the site where the company has spent years testing, permitting and building, McDonald described the launch as both a celebration and a turning point.

The Florence operation uses an innovative in-situ copper recovery (ISCR) method, a process that extracts copper from deep underground through a network of injection and recovery wells. Instead of digging an open pit or moving massive quantities of rock, the company circulates a solution through the ore body, dissolves the copper underground and then plates it into finished copper cathode sheets on the surface. The approach is the first in the world at commercial scale.

"There's very little land disturbance," he said. "We're not digging a hole in

the ground. There's no waste rock, and the mining method uses significantly less water — about 78% less than a conventional mine — and less electricity and greenhouse gas emissions as well."

"We're actually going to be producing the refined product right on site," McDonald said. "Those copper sheets can be delivered right into the U.S. manufacturing base. In terms of supporting critical manufacturing industries domestically, it's a big deal."

Copper demand in the United States and globally is expected to surge in the coming decades, driven by electric vehicles, renewable energy, data centers and infrastructure modernization. Analysts project a 50% increase in demand by 2040, creating a widening gap between supply and need. Florence Copper's production — all of which will remain in the United States — is positioned as part of the solution.

Florence Copper operates as a U.S. business, though its parent company, Trekor Metals, is publicly traded on both the New York Stock Exchange and the Toronto Stock Exchange.

For the Town of Florence, the project brings national attention and long-term economic activity. For the state, it reinforces copper's role as both a historic pillar and a future-focused resource. And for U.S. manufacturers, it offers a new domestic source of refined copper at a time when demand is accelerating.



5- There are massive amounts of fraud being stopped in every state.

Louisiana Office of the Attorney General

Hamas Financiers and Their Families Arrested For \$224,000 in Medicaid Fraud!

QUOTE: Five St. Tammany Parish residents were arrested for defrauding the Louisiana Medicaid Program of more than \$224,000. Two of the suspects also face federal charges for providing more than \$100,000 to a terrorist financing network that funneled more than \$1.7 million to help fund Hamas.

Evidence discovered during a joint federal and state investigation led by the FBI, revealed that Abdel Adhami and Omar Adhami, both of Covington, Louisiana, had participated in a campaign to help fund Hamas, a designated foreign terrorist organization.

Due to this information, the Louisiana Bureau of Investigation worked with the Louisiana Department of Health regarding possible Medicaid beneficiary fraud.

Between 2021 and 2025, the suspects and their families underreported their income to receive Medicaid benefits, defrauding the program of more

than \$224,000 in combined losses.

On September 15, 2026, all aforementioned suspects were arrested and booked at the St. Tammany Parish Jail. "While terrorist sympathizers were funding the death of American citizens and countless others across the world, the hard-working men and women of Louisiana were funding their medical care. No matter where you are or who you are, if you steal from the people of Louisiana, you will face Louisiana justice," said Louisiana

Attorney General Liz Murrill. "Since assuming office, my team has recovered over \$80 million for Louisiana taxpayers. Through leadership and collaboration with federal, state, and local partners, we are ending systemic Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse."



7- If they can pull this off in Brazil, surely we can do the same in the US.

3reitbart

Conservative Sweep in Brazilian Congress Confirmed

QUOTE: Final results from Brazil's Sunday general elections confirmed this week that right-wing parties will hold a majority in the Lower House that, together with the majority in the Senate, will grant them control of both chambers of Congress once they take office next year.

Brazilian conservative and right-wing parties, spearheaded by the Liberal Party (PL) led by Senator and presidential front-running candidate Flavio Bolsonaro, secured their best electoral performance in four decades during Sunday's general elections. The results also automatically triggered an upcoming October 25 presidential runoff between Bolsonaro of the PL party and current incumbent socialist President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva of the far-left Workers' Party (PT).

Local outlets reported that, collectively, PL and some 20 other right-wing parties secured 276 seats out of the available 513 seats — effectively forming a majority at the Chamber of Deputies once all elected lawmakers take office in February 2027.

Out of the total 513 seats, 121 will be occupied by the PL, a party that not only secured its position as the largest force in the Lower House, but saw its best electoral performance ever, going from 99 elected congressmen in 2022 to 121 on Sunday. Conversely, the Lula-led PT only saw its parliamentary representation increase by two seats, going from the 68 it had obtained in 2022 to 70 in February.

The Liberal Party's performance also saw the Bolsonaro-led party break the local record of the party with the largest parliamentary group at the Lower House since the Brazilian Democratic Movement obtained 108 seats in the 1990 general elections shortly after the nation returned to democracy. On Monday, Brazilian electoral authorities confirmed that conservative parties

in Brazil will occupy 49 of the 81 seats at the Senate — of which about a third will be occupied by the PL. Notably, several members of conservative President Jair Bolsonaro became elected to Congress on Sunday. Former President Bolsonaro is currently serving a 27 years prison sentence on “crimes against democracy” charges under a strict house arrest at his residence in Brasília.

“With great pride and the strength of every Brazilian’s vote, the PL has established itself as the largest Caucus in the Federal Senate,” the PL party celebrated on social media this week. “This reflects the spirit of a country that chose not to stop, that chose to win.”

“Starting in 2027, we will be 28 tireless and united voices defending what truly matters: our freedom, our families, and the future of our nation,” the text continued. “This monumental victory belongs to you, those who believe in Brazil’s future.”

The now-confirmed right wing majorities at both houses of the Brazilian Congress will grant the nation’s conservatives significant leeway in parliament once the recently-elected lawmakers take office next year.



3- Whew, this is some story. Take the time to read in full at the link.

President Trump does not leave Americans to rot in foreign countries.

Salena Zito at the Washington Examiner

Steve Witkoff keeps the light on

QUOTE: The last time Marc Fogel saw Steve Witkoff, snow was falling at a Moscow airport, and Witkoff had just come from the Kremlin to take him home.

Twenty months later, on the second floor of the Jewish Community Center in Squirrel Hill, a short walk from the Tree of Life synagogue, where a gunman murdered 11 worshipers in 2018 in the deadliest attack on Jews in American history, the two men saw each other again. Neither one said anything at first. They just reached for each other.

It was not a handshake or the quick back-slap men of a certain age use to say hello without saying anything. Witkoff, President Donald Trump’s special envoy to the Middle East, and Fogel, the Western Pennsylvania schoolteacher he brought out of a Russian prison in February 2025, held on, let go, looked at each other, and held on again. Both were crying. Over the next hour, they would do it several more times: in the middle of a sentence, in the middle of a memory, whenever one of them got to the part neither could get through.

They have texted, Fogel said, “a hundred times.” Witkoff once warned him that if he didn’t check in at least once a month “I’m going to come and

pick you up." But texting is not the same as being in a room with the man who walked into that airport.

Fogel spent three and a half years in Russian custody. He had been teaching at an American school in Moscow when he was arrested at the airport in August 2021 while carrying a small amount of medically prescribed marijuana. He was sentenced to 14 years. Back home, his mother, now in her 90s, waited.

Witkoff insists the story is the president, not him. But sitting across from Fogel, he kept returning to a Yiddish word he heard growing up: beshert. Meant to be.

After roughly a year in Russian jails, he spent another two and a half years in a penal colony. Asked to describe the colony, he did not hesitate. "Close your eyes. Think of Soviet Gulag, 1955," he said. "I mean, we're talking black and white."



}- The War on Drugs finally MEANS something!

Read more detail at the link.

The Hill

Pentagon, under Hegseth, expands war against drug cartels in South America

QUOTE: The Pentagon is expanding the U.S. military's multifront war against drug cartels in South America.

For more than a year, the U.S. military has been blowing up alleged drug boats on both sides of the continent. Forces have also begun interdicting refueling vessels off the coast of Ecuador before destroying them.

And recently, U.S. special forces started embedding on the ground with Ecuadorian authorities in raids against alleged drug traffickers, introducing a new front in the Trump administration's campaign against criminal groups designated as foreign terrorist organizations.

"Based on our assessment of what needs to be done, this plan focuses on five core lines of effort: dismantling illicit networks, attacking network logistics, preventing adversary regeneration, bolstering partner sovereignty and security, and building a strong coalition," U.S. Southern Command (Southcom) Commander Gen. Francis L. Donovan said in a recent interview when discussing Southcom's "Offensive Campaign Plan" that addresses regional threats to security and stability.

Since returning to the White House last year, President Trump has pressured drug cartels in the Western Hemisphere, warning that their drug trafficking is directly contributing to the deaths of Americans.

The U.S. has labeled 20 Latin American-based cartels and other criminal groups as foreign terrorist organizations and began kinetic actions across the continent last fall. The administration has also deepened its defense cooperation with countries, establishing the 19-member Americas Counter Cartel Coalition (ACCC) to counter transnational organized crime.



10- "Oh, give me a home, where the buffalo roam...."

sensible conservation works, every time it is given a chance to be tried.

Fox News

National Park Service director calls Yellowstone's wild bison recovery an incredible conservation story'

QUOTE: A little more than a century ago, Yellowstone's bison were hanging on by a thread.

Today, thousands of them roam the park. And the conservation challenge has shifted from simply saving the herd to figuring out how to manage a thriving one.

After millions of bison once roamed the Great Plains, the animals were nearly wiped out across their historic range. Rebuilding those populations, Jessica Bowron, acting director of the National Park Service, said, has taken decades of careful scientific work and cooperation among the Park Service and its Tribal, state, local and federal partners.

"To show up at Yellowstone today and have the experience as a visitor of seeing a wild bison in a functioning ecosystem, I don't know that we could have predicted that 100 years ago," Bowron said.

That's a pretty remarkable turnaround.

The Yellowstone story is also a reminder that conservation wins don't happen overnight. Bowron said rebuilding bison populations has taken decades of scientific monitoring and cooperation among Tribal, state, local and federal partners.

For anyone who's ever sat in Yellowstone traffic because a bison decided the middle of the road belonged to him, it might be easy to forget just how close America came to losing that experience entirely.



11- Frankly, there is so much good news that the only way to get it all to you is provide links to X.

- Interesting reaction to the suspension of H-1B visas.

-President Trump stands ready to save Minnesota.

-Federal agents unseal indictments against 28 drug dealers in a massive Skid Row raid in LA.

-HUD Secretary Turner arrests 500 fraudsters who have been living on our dime in government housing.

-National Energy Dominance. We voted for this!

-Do not diminish the possible impact of these facts.

- If you are an illegal, would you chance it?

-"We don't care how many politicians you have on speed dial. "We voted for this.

- The FBI strikes again. In Ghana!

- Unsung warrior.



12- Watching the President work so hard to save our country, made us think of this quote.

Watching the circling of the drain of soon-to-be-former Senator Thom Tillis (RINO/D-NC), who is on all the Artificial News cable channels trashing MAGA, MAGA voters, the president, and Secretary Hegseth, makes us realize how lacking we have been in strong men. Instead we have been overwhelmed by timid souls.

No more.

THE MAN IN THE ARENA



It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT



PRAY for President Trump and his Cabinet.

PRAY for everyone in the path of the storm in the Gulf.

PRAY for all children.

PRAY for robust Republican turnout.

SHARE the truth.

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Defending The Republic**

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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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