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Good News Friday

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Dear Patriot,

Who had "Lake America" on their bingo card this time last week?

President Trump is the MASTER of the job.

Now, if we can get Alberta in October for a "player to be named later".

Oh, and Greenland! We still want that big, beautiful slab of ice.

We have recommended to you the book, "**Revolution: The Birth of the Greatest Nation in the History of the World**" several times.

We have been reading it over this summer and landed on Chapter 30 this week. It was just serendipity that the battle outlined in this chapter happened this week, but 250 years ago.

Author Eric Metaxas relates the Battle of Brooklyn, which by all rights should have been the complete end of the little uprising by the feisty Colonialists.

Nothing was going General Washington's way. He stood in his headquarters and watched British ships packed with thousands of soldiers arrive on American shores, far outnumbering his army. There were British loyalists inside his ranks feeding information to the Brits.

There were battles and maneuvers. Read the entire fascinating history yourself. Just know now that it was a doomsday scenario for America.

But...here's the lesson. Washington won the battle. Against every single odd, he won.

There were decisions by the British that even today are not explainable. There was strange weather that has not been seen since in New York, at this time of year.

Unexplainable interventions allowed Washington and his troops the ability to live and fight another day. And fight they did.

Our Founding Fathers had a deep and abiding faith. They built this country and our government on that faith in God.

God intervenes. Most of the time we don't even know it is happening.

If we all fight like hell, PRAY for help, God will help us save this country.

That is your job.

Fight by helping candidates and spreading the truth to voters.

And PRAY.

Have a great end-of-summer weekend.

Carry with you all this good news to SHARE.



1- We receive many notes from our supporters each week. We have shared a few with you all but, well, we don't want to appear braggadocios.

However, THIS message really made our year.

It articulates our exact mission with this newsletter.

We are striving to provide the best information we can find to inform YOU and urge you to share.

You will never know how many people do not pay attention or can not easily find the truth, making them susceptible to propaganda and lies.

Thank you, thank you , S.A., for your words of support.

And thank you to everyone who shares the TRUTH!

Defending the Republic,

Thank you for this great work.

I have children and grandchildren who are very busy and have no time to filter through the madness of information today.

We also, both in our seventies, work and are very busy.

But, I have done my part in keeping them informed because you have done the work of filtering through the onslaught of information.

Without these news articles that are validated through your research, they might just think I'm making all this up or being reactionary and irrational.

We have one grandchild in California who is still maintaining a rational political stance despite the challenges of being in a leftist state.

I pray she can hold on to that.

With your help, I can kindly send them information links that they do read and find valid. I bet there are a lot of elders who do this with theirs.

So, you don't really know the scope of who you touch, but it is massive, I believe.

Sincerely,

S. A.



2- Another piece of the puzzle that brings manufacturing and jobs back to America.

Nestern Journal

Ford Adds Thousands of Jobs in United States as Move Away from China Continues

QUOTE: Ford is expanding production of their Lincoln vehicles in the United States, adding thousands of jobs and reducing reliance on Chinese imports.

The automaker said the move will "further strengthen Ford's position as America's No. 1 auto producer," per an Aug. 12 report.

The move is expected to bring "thousands of direct and indirect U.S. jobs" as more Lincoln models are manufactured domestically.

"Lincoln is a quintessentially American brand, and Ford is America's automaker," Ford CEO Jim Farley said in a statement. "This wasn't necessarily the easiest path. In fact, it's a path most of our competitors aren't choosing to take. But Ford builds in America because we believe in America, and we're betting on that belief again."

Ford currently assembles Lincoln Navigator and Aviator models in Louisville and Chicago, with some of the vehicles exported to Canada, Mexico, and Middle Eastern nations.

The policy is in part a response to the Trump administration's automotive tariff policies

Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said during an interview with Fox Business that “they’re bringing their manufacturing home.”

“Thousands of jobs, thousands and thousands of jobs coming back to America because of these tariffs on automotives.”



3- There has been major work done to alter the direction of a massive, messy bureaucracy, Health and Human Services.

Go to the link and read the list of reforms.

HHS

Promises made, promises kept

QUOTE: Secretary Kennedy has led a historic course correction at HHS—challenging entrenched interests, restoring accountability and common sense, and putting the health of the American people back at the center of federal health policy.

The result is a generational shift toward prevention, transparency, individual empowerment, and real, measurable improvements in the health and well-being of Americans and Make America Healthy Again.

In just 500 days, HHS has delivered historic results for the American people.



4- Feeding children nutritious food at school will result in healthier, smarter children.

The Trump Administration is making this investment in our future.

Washington Times

Trump administration boosts spending on school meals to improve child nutrition

QUOTE: As children return to school across the U.S., the Trump administration is spending \$25 million on farm-to-school grants and \$70 million for schools to upgrade their cafeterias to cook nutritious meals.

Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins and Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. held an event Monday to announce the new spending, which they say will complement a soon-to-be-finalized federal rule overhauling school meal standards. "We believe that a healthier future is within reach for all American children," Ms. Rollins said. Mr. Kennedy said the new nutrition guidelines for school meals will reduce kids' intake of added sugars and highly processed foods, "move children from refined grains towards whole grains [and] put high-quality protein back in the center of the plate."

"But we also have to give schools a practical, affordable way to meet those standards," he said. "Many of these schools have closed their kitchens years ago and do not have the facilities to actually cook on campus." Ms. Rollins said the Agriculture Department is spending another \$70 million on top of the \$20 million it announced a couple of months ago for schools to upgrade their cafeteria equipment so they can cook nutritious meals.

HHS is also spending \$32.5 million for a new initiative called Developing Evidence for Programs to Ensure Nutrition Development, or DEPEND, that will help schools identify cost-efficient ways to serve healthier foods within their current operating budgets. "Many schools, incidentally, across the country have already made this transition and have done it without raising their meal budget," Mr. Kennedy said. "And we need to understand how they did that, and help other schools to follow those strategies."

Ms. Rollins said the USDA is spending \$25 million in farm-to-school grants for the upcoming school year "to get more healthy food from the farm onto students' lunch trays."

The new dietary guidelines will promote healthy cooking methods and 100% whole grains, whole fruit and whole milk.

"This will be the most transformative action we have taken to date for our children in this country, and frankly, for the future of America," Ms. Rollins said.

The Trump administration wants to "put real nutrient-dense food back at the center of the American diet," Kennedy said. Progress has already been made toward that goal as U.S. consumption of real foods rose 10-11% this year and obesity rates dropped for the first time in 40 years by about 3%, Mr. Kennedy said.



;- Potentially promising news for all children and for their futures made possible by the Trump Administration.

Brian Jodie at DC Journal

Back to School (Choice) Like Never Before

QUOTE: As kids nationwide return to the classroom, nearly 2 million of

them are walking through the doors of a school their family chose, not the one assigned by ZIP code, thanks to a school choice program in their home state, whether that's a scholarship, a tax credit, or an education savings account. Texas will see more than 90,000 students use the state's brand-new Texas Education Freedom Accounts for the first time this fall, the largest day-one rollout of any school choice program in history, part of a broader wave of expansion across statehouses this school year.

That momentum is real, and it's only a preview of what's coming. Mark your calendar for January 1, 2027, when the federal Education Freedom Tax Credit opens for business, carrying the potential to bring school choice to every state.

Just how many kids could be eligible? A new analysis from the American Federation for Children, the first to map Education Freedom Tax Credit eligibility across all states, puts the number at 51.7 million children, 91.7 percent of the entire K-12 population, should every state opt in. For states with existing choice programs, opting in adds fuel to the fire once the credit launches in 2027. For states without one, it's their first real shot at bringing school choice home. Either way, it's an easy call.

So far, 31 states have opted in or signaled they plan to. Opting in isn't a guarantee every eligible child gets a scholarship — that still hinges on donor participation — but it's the prerequisite for everything else. Without it, nothing happens.

The 31 states that have acted account for 30.9 million eligible kids, just under 60 percent of the national total, leaving 21 million children in limbo across the remaining areas. Eighteen of those states have no private school choice program to fall back on, meaning for those families, the Education Freedom Tax Credit isn't a bonus; it's the only door, and it's still locked.

Those 20.8 million kids aren't an abstraction. Their shot at opportunity comes down to whether their governor is willing to sign a piece of paper, which is why Colorado's governor, Jared Polis, said he'd "be crazy not to."



As American philosopher George Santayana said: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it"

Governor DeSantis is making sure Florida children remember the sad history of communism. We pray this will become a trend in all schools.

New 13 Orlando

Gov. DeSantis signs law requiring anti-communist education for all Florida K-12 students

QUOTE: Florida students, including kindergarteners, must receive anti-communism education under a bill signed Wednesday by Gov. Ron DeSantis. The bill (SB 1264) will require anti-communist teachings in

kindergarten through 12th grade. The teachings must highlight communism's "atrocities" and its "increasing threat," while also remaining age appropriate, according to the new law.

"We might as well give them the truth when they are in our schools because a lot of these universities... teach how great communism is," DeSantis said at a press conference in Hialeah. "We are setting the proper foundation."

Additionally, the proposal paves the way for a new communism history museum in Florida, plus a new partnership between Miami Dade College and Florida International University.



7- We will celebrate every little victory that helps us fairly win elections.

The National Pulse

How to Dems as Federal Appeals Court Overturns Ruling Against Redistricting.

QUOTE: The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit has vacated a lower court's ruling that Georgia's post-2020 voting maps violated the Voting Rights Act, sending the case back for reconsideration under new legal standards. This decision means Georgia's current district maps will remain in place for now.

The case was initially decided by U.S. District Judge Steve Jones, a Barack Obama appointee, who ruled that Georgia's maps diluted the voting strength of black voters and ordered additional majority-black districts, benefiting the Democrats. However, the Eleventh Circuit's decision follows the U.S. Supreme Court's 2026 ruling in *Louisiana v. Callais*, which effectively nullified portions of the Voting Rights Act mandating majority-minority districts as unconstitutional racial gerrymandering.

The ruling represents a procedural victory for Georgia Republicans, as it allows the redistricted maps to stand, at least for now. It also sets a higher legal bar for future challenges to redistricted maps, requiring plaintiffs to meet stricter standards under the new Callais framework.



3- We ALL want accountability for Demoncrat fraud. It may not come in the great big ways we desire (4.a.m. arrests and orange jumpsuits) but it is coming in smaller bites.

TWO Massachusetts Democrats were arrested this week for all manner of lying, cheating and fraud.

Boston

'Appalling': Massachusetts state rep. arrested on pandemic relief fraud charges

QUOTE: State Rep. Francisco Paulino, a Democrat from Methuen, was arrested Wednesday morning after a grand jury indicted him on charges of pandemic relief fraud, U.S. Attorney Leah Foley announced. Paulino allegedly schemed to fraudulently obtain more than \$700,000 in federal pandemic-related relief funds.

He faces eight charges of aiding and abetting wire fraud and three charges of aiding and abetting money laundering.

Paulino allegedly used his tax-preparation company, the identities of others, and intermediaries to fraudulently obtain federal pandemic relief funds that were funneled into personal and business accounts, according to a 24-page indictment. Some of these dollars were used for personal expenses, real estate expenses, loan payments, and transfers to Paulino's campaign account.

Paulino was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2022. He won reelection in 2024 and was running again in this year's Democratic primary. His district includes Methuen and Lawrence.

Paulino's indictment comes after another local elected official, Lawrence Mayor Brian DePeña, was arrested on wire fraud and money laundering charges related to pandemic-era small business loans. A new indictment against DePeña unsealed Wednesday includes 11 felony charges against him.

Foley addressed the "appalling" allegations against Paulino and DePeña in a press conference Wednesday.

"The money these two individuals allegedly scammed was meant for hard-working Americans and struggling business owners, not for two greedy individuals who lied and stole for their own personal benefit," Foley said.

"Simply put, both men are accused of treating the COVID-19 pandemic as their own personal cash cows," Ted Docks, special agent in charge of the FBI's Boston division, said.



9- A victory for a rare warrior doctor.

Dr. Meryl Nass, was an internal medicine physician in Maine until her license was suspended for treating COVID patients with HCQ and IVM and warning the public about the side effects of COVID vaccines.

A federal judge ruled this week that Maine's medical board had ZERO evidence when they ordered Dr. Nass to undergo a forced psychiatric evaluation — for prescribing ivermectin and speaking out against the COVID narrative.

The Epoch Times

Judge Rules for Doctor Who Prescribed Ivermectin for COVID-19

QUOTE: A doctor's lawsuit against Maine's medical board can proceed, a federal judge has ruled.

An order from the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine that Dr. Meryl Nass undergo a psychological evaluation for allegedly spreading misinformation about COVID-19 was "based on no evidence or process," including no probable cause, U.S. District Judge Lance Walker said in an Aug. 20 decision.

"I am happy to report that I will eagerly move forward with the legal case to clear my name and defend the free speech right of medical practitioners to tell the truth to their patients, especially if it goes against government or medical orthodoxy," Nass said in a blog post.

Maine's medical board in 2022 suspended Nass's license after receiving a complaint from a person who was not her patient that the doctor was spreading misinformation about COVID-19 because she noted that people who recovered from the illness had protection against re-infection.

Board members also took issue with how Nass prescribed ivermectin to a COVID-19 patient and lied to a pharmacist about why she prescribed hydroxychloroquine to another patient. It was for COVID-19, not for Lyme disease.

The board ordered Nass to undergo a psychological evaluation in order to get her license back, among other conditions. The Maine Superior Court previously voided the psychological evaluation order, concluding it was arbitrary and capricious.

Nass told The Epoch Times in an email that her license remains suspended because the board imposed conditions that would have prevented her from practicing independently, including requiring her to send her charts regularly to the board for review.

"The reason I wanted a license was so that if another pandemic happened, I would be able to provide the appropriate care to patients as I saw fit, which might not be what the government recommended," Nass said. "Since the conditions the Board imposed precluded that, I did not seek to regain the license, which remains suspended."



10- Once again we have FACTS that prove Democrats screw up everything

they touch!

Go to this link to see [where your state ranks](#).

Unleash Prosperity

Want More Affordability? Get Out of Blue States

QUOTE: World Population Review just released its new Cost of Living index for 2025.

Guess what? The five most expensive states are run by Democrats.

The lowest cost states are run by Republicans.

On average costs are about 15% lower in red states than blue states.

But somehow electing more Democrats will make America more affordable? Sure!



11- Praise God !

The National Pulse

Conservatives Are Having More Children Than Liberals Amid Left-Wing 'Baby Bust.'

QUOTE: A growing ideological divide has emerged in American fertility patterns, with conservatives reporting more children on average than liberals, according to research from the Institute for Family Studies (IFS).

The study found that conservatives have an average of 1.4 children, compared with 1.09 among liberals, while 51 percent of liberals reported having no children compared with 40 percent of conservatives.

Researchers based the findings on survey responses from roughly 7,000 Americans between the ages of 18 and 54, and said the differences remained statistically significant after accounting for factors including sex, religion, race, income, age, marital status, and education.

The widening fertility gap between liberals and conservatives could have long-term implications for the country's political and demographic landscape as differences in family size influence future generations. The findings also add to the broader debate over declining birth rates, with concerns about parenthood, mental health, and economic pressures potentially shaping Americans' decisions about whether to have children.

The Trump administration has promoted pro-family initiatives, including expanding access to IVF and introducing Trump Accounts to invest financially in future generations. Meanwhile, some prominent liberals, such as Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), have chosen to delay or reconsider

parenthood, with 36-year-old "AOC" recently sharing her decision to freeze her eggs—an expensive safeguard for aging career women that often fails disastrously.



12- Take time over the weekend to listen to the Ruthless podcast.

First they go into detail about the Demoncrat Socialist sensation Hasan Piker.

It is important to know about this Muslim anti-semite who has infested our country.

Second, they interview Undersecretary of War, Emil Michael, who helped create Uber and is now completely transforming the Pentagon.

Ruthless Podcast

Why Hasan Piker is Suddenly a Problem for Democrats



13- No comment necessary.....

Four News

Barack Obama Elementary Closes After Mold and Rodents Found

QUOTE: Barack Obama Elementary School will remain closed as Richmond (VA) Public Schools conducts additional cleaning and environmental testing after staff members discovered more mold inside the building.

Some reports described the closure as indefinite, but Superintendent Jason Kamras told families the district's goal is to reopen the Obama Elementary building by Monday, Aug. 31. Officials have not guaranteed that date, saying students and employees will not return until the facility is considered safe.

The problems began after an HVAC outage contributed to mold growth in the school's basement and on furniture. Rodents were also reported in several rooms before the scheduled start of the 2026-27 school year.



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PRAY for peace.

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UPDATED: Read the five part series truthfully explaining the unprecedented lawfare used by the left to remove Sidney Powell's right to free speech.

This will be permanently available for all at Defending The Republic.

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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