



Monday, September 22, 2025

**1. Tens of thousands attended a memorial for Charlie Kirk in Arizona.**

**Yesterday:** President Donald Trump called the slain activist a “martyr” in an event that blended religious fervor with militant politics. Kirk’s widow, Erika, forgave his killer.

**What now?** Top Trump officials who spoke at the memorial gave no sign of backing off their crackdown on free speech. And Black Christians are confronting Kirk’s religious legacy.

**2. Trump demanded his attorney general prosecute his political foes.**

**How?** In a series of extraordinary social media posts Saturday, urging Pam Bondi to target three opponents. The pressure is raising alarms about interference.

**In related news:** Trump officials shut down a bribery probe of border czar Tom Homan, who was caught on tape taking a bag with \$50,000 in cash last year when he was a private citizen.

**One more thing:** Teachers are losing jobs as conservatives target lessons and speech they dislike.

**3. The U.K., Canada and Australia formally recognized a Palestinian state.**

**What it means:** The nations broke with the U.S. and joined more than 100 countries ahead of the U.N. General Assembly this week. Israel vowed to respond.

**Why now?** There is growing public outrage over Israel’s actions in Gaza and elsewhere — Israel killed 31 journalists in a strike in Yemen this month, a press group said.

**4. The Trump administration is set to link Tylenol to autism risk.**

**Today:** Federal health officials will warn pregnant women against taking the pain medication early on unless they have a fever, officials told The Post. Scientists are concerned.

**In related news:** The Trump administration will highlight a drug called leucovorin as a potential treatment for autism.

**Other health news:** Weight-loss drugs can cut future health costs, a study found. But a fight is raging over who should pay for them now.

**5. Life is getting much more expensive for Americans.**

**How?** Housing, health care, food and utility prices are outpacing inflation. Low-income Americans are slashing spending, while many can’t buy homes, get jobs or move.

**One result:** New houses have been shrinking.

**More economic news:** Trump unveiled a \$100,000 yearly fee on H-1B visas Friday — sparking major confusion for employers. And Trump ended an annual report on U.S. hunger.

**6. The U.S. is desperately trying to hire more air traffic controllers.**

**Flight safety:** Congress and the Trump administration are struggling to fill a shortage of 3,000 workers. But some retired professionals who instruct trainees want to quit.

**Pie in the sky:** A rule that would have forced airlines to show extra fees has been blocked in court. And plans to compensate passengers for disruptions have been rolled back.

**7. A retro toy company is outperforming top tech companies on the stock market.**

**How they did it:** A post-covid boom, parental nostalgia and “kidults” — grown-ups buying their own toys — has boosted Build-a-Bear’s stock from a 2020 low of \$1 a share to \$73.

**Bear business:** A tough retail environment hasn’t stopped people coming into stores to bring “furry friends to life.” The company has also partnered with cruise ships and the Girl Scouts.



Vocabulary 22/09/25:

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| 1. | to blend -          | to mix   |
|    | fervor -            | strong and sincere belief                                    |
|    | to galvanize -      | to cause so. to suddenly take action                         |
| 2. | foe -               | opponent, enemy  |
| 4. | Tylenol -           | brand of medication popular in the US (painkiller)           |
|    | autism -            | brain condition that affects communication and social skills |
|    | leucovorin -        | potential medication for autism                              |
| 5. | to feel the pinch - | to suffer financial difficulty                               |
|    | to outpace -        | to move or develop faster than something else                |
| 6. | to scramble -       | to climb quickly but with difficulty                         |

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