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A special edition of AEI Today on this Labor Day holiday



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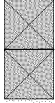
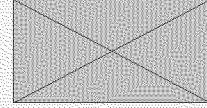
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